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SANTA APPEALS ON BEHALF OF NEEDY

Mid-Season Form Of Midland B's Spells Defeat To Red C's

MIDLANDERS NET THREE IN LAST PERIOD AS NEWMARKET TIRES

PLAY REAL GAME

By RALPH M. ADAMS

In reality the local Redmen broke even last Thursday, that is, they scored a victory and suffered a defeat. The first they scored over old Kid Elements, battling the worst storm of the year to play in Midland, and then taking it on the chin in the tourist town to the tune of 4-1.

The kids put up a real game for the first two periods and then condition and practice told and the Midlanders went to town for three counters and on the last period's play they clearly deserved their margin. But the game was certainly no walk-away affair, even tho the Midlanders are a B series team.

Midland Go To Front

The first period produced anything but good hockey, in fact, it was ragged to the nth degree, with very few good scoring chances turning up for either outfit. Collings and Luck both came close in the early part of the canto but were outlucked. Swales, hefty Midland defence man, passed up the best chance of the period when he broke through all alone, only to shoot rite into Gardiner's pads. Again Gardiner came to the fore just before the bell rang, stopping three shots from the front line of Nesbit, Cassidy and Ryan.

Two penalties early in the second kept both teams on the defensive for the first five minutes, then Cassidy broke the ice at the eight-minute mark when he drifted a long shot from the centre zone that flipped over Gardiner's stick, between his legs, for the first counter. Exactly a minute later Collings came back to tally the best goal of the nite. Faking both defencemen out of position, he waltzed rite in on Brodeur to tie up the old game.

After the sloppy first period this second looked like a million dollars, both teams forgetting their close checking tactics of the first canto. At the 19-minute mark Swales and Cassidy lost out on a nice passing play, when the defence man missed the post, with Gardiner at their mercy.

Midland Says It With Goals

Both teams missed sure-fire chances in the early part of the third, McInnis and Gibbon and Cassidy and Nesbit passing up good chances for their respective teams. Then with Swales serving a penalty Cassidy broke away from the ganging Newmarket team to backhand a nice shot past Gardiner, at the ten-minute mark.

Collings came back for what looked like a sure score for the reds but the rubber turned up on end at the last minute to spoil his shot. Again at the 14-minute mark Cassidy rapped home his third on a pass from Nesbit. The locals were ganging all the time to get those goals back and with two minutes to go Swales and Cassidy tore away to beat Luck, alone on defence, to tally their last counter for the evening, the defenceman getting the marker.

The local kids tried hard in the last period but they just didn't have the condition of the Midland aggregation, who have been on ice for nearly two months and are in perfect condition. Cassidy, no doubt, was the best man on the ice, as his goal scoring would indicate, but Swales and Nesbit both turned in nice efforts for Midland. Altho every man on the locals played heads-up hockey, Collings and Gardiner were the shining lights.

Midland: goal: Brodeur; defence, Swales, Murphy and Wilcox; centre, Couture; wings, Quinn and Howard; subs, Cassidy, Nesbit, Ryan, Badley, Bedeau and Morrison.

Newmarket: goal, Gardiner; defence, Dennis and Gunn; centre, J. Gibbon; wings, S. Gibbons and Collings; subs, Hamilton, Luck, Jelley, Broughton, McInnis, Evans and Dillman.

Referee: Bob Dods, Midland.

PURSE FOUND MINUS VALUABLES BY CUB

While on a "treasure hunt" as a "cub" on Friday evening, Orla Larsen spotted a purse under the Queen St. bridge. He told his teacher at the Alexander Muir school about it the next day, and as a result the purse was picked up and turned over to the police.

Mrs. Basil Watson lost the purse last Friday before noon on Main St. Missing from the purse when it was found were $1.75 and a ladies' wrist-watch. Mrs. Watson's name and address were in the purse. Constable Kenneth Mount has informed police of neighboring towns of the theft of the watch.

INSPECTS SCHOOLS

Inspector Robert Wallace of Toronto has been making the annual inspection of the Aurora high school this week. Mr. Wallace is a former Aurora resident.

WANT FARM WORK

W. M. Cockburn, York county agricultural representative, reports that there are quite a number of men looking for farm work.

JIM DRUERY WEDS MURIEL PAGE

The marriage took place at the Presbyterian manse on Saturday, Dec. 2, of Muriel Theresa Page, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Page, to Walter Gordon (Jim) Druery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Druery, Newmarket. Rev. Dr. D. McIntyre performed the ceremony. The young couple were unattended.

After the ceremony the bride and groom left by train for a trip to Clinton and Londesboro. They will reside in Newmarket.

DRAMA, SONGS, DANCES HELP RED CROSS FUND

Mrs. A. N. Belugin's Red Cross entertainment, put on at the town hall last Thursday and Friday evenings, attracted good crowds and was well worth-while.

H. A. Jackson, public schools principal, acted as chairman, and in his opening remarks thanked Jas. McHale and Ross Hugo for their fine artistry in making the scenery for the play, and C. C. Rachar for his work on the lighting.

One of the highlights of the program was the opening song and dance number entitled "Nursery Whims," by a number of tiny tots of pre-school age. Nancy Mungovan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Mungovan, brought down the house with her rendition of "Frere Jacques," while Roddy West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur West, sang "Little Sir Echo" charmingly. They were accompanied at the piano by Mrs. T. Leach.

"Donnie" Cock, four-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Cock, a chorister, took a big 'hand" the first night when caught outside the curtain.

The program included several groups of solos by Miss Jean Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Davis, who delighted her audience with her charming voice. She was accompanied by Mrs. Taylor Shore. Miss Davis sang before a Newmarket audience for the first time.

A Turkish dance, in which a group of gaily-clad young ladies danced for the lazy sultan, Mike Schrank, was effective, and another dance, "Tales of the Vienna Woods," in which graceful wood nymphs and moon maidens disported themselves, was very picturesque. Alexandra Belugin danced a lovely solo dance as part of this number. These dances were arranged by Mrs. Maisie Canham.

W. S. Gilbert's three-act play, "Pygmalion and Galatea," was an interesting part of the program and very creditably performed by all those who took part. Raymond Taylor did good work in the part of the sculptor, Pygmalion, while Alexandra Belugin displayed her real dramatic gift in Galatea's part and was charming both to look at and listen to. Mrs. John Purdy did well in the part of Cyniscs, Pygmalion's wife, while Eileen Cunningham gave a splendid interpretation of the part of the domineering wife of Chrysos, the wealthy but uncultured patron of the arts. Chrysos himself, played by Alex. Eves, provided highly entertaining comedy. Other members of the cast were Hazel Hambly as Myrine, Mervyn Wainman as Leucippe, John Purdy as Mimos and A. N. Belugin as Agesimos.

At the conclusion of the play Mrs. Belugin was presented with flowers by Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Purdy, on behalf of the cast of the play.

Later during the evening flowers were presented to Mrs. Belugin, Miss Davis, Mrs. Leach, Mrs. Canham and Mrs. Shore.

The management of last week's presentation, "Pygmalion and Galatea," wishes to express its thanks to the following corporations and individuals, who in various ways contributed to the success of the show: Newmarket town council, Davis Leather Co., G. W. Lucasby, Alvin Hilts, W. J. Geer, R. Renzius, Datus Crowder, H. A. Jackson, C. C. Rachar, Rev. Dr. W. D. Muckle, Chas. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Tod, Mr. and Mrs. R. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hunter, Messrs. L. Hencock, A. Harden, A. Watts, L. Hawkrigg, F. Lusted and J. Porter, as well as the Newmarket public in general, who made the show a financial success by thronging to see it on both nights, those awful hard benches notwithstanding (hint to the town fathers).

FUNDS POUR IN

Already about $1,500 has been subscribed to the Trinity United church heating system fund. The new installation was completed this week. Harvey McCordick, member of the church committee, supervised the work.

SAYS MURDERS UNCOVERED BY POST-MORTEMS

STATES 40 PER CENT OF DEAD PEDESTRIANS HAVE BEEN DRINKING

WAS "BIG TRAIN"

Chief Coroner for Ontario Dr. Smirle Lawson told members of Newmarket Lions club on Monday evening that autopsies and coroner's inquests are indispensable aids to the law. President Jack Luck was in the chair. Dr. S. J. Boyd introduced the speaker.

Special guests of the evening included Newmarket police officers and medical men. Dr. L. W. Dales told of Dr. Lawson's prowess as a football player 30 years ago. "I can still see him burning down the stadium on Bloor St. He was the original Big Train. He was the most fearless and courageous player Varsity ever had, and he is still revered in Varsity."

Dr. W. O. Noble, dentist, was initiated as a new member of the club.

Dr. Lawson's talk consisted largely in incidents in which an autopsy or the work of medico-legal experts had proved of exceptional value.

One story was of a man who had been embalmed seven years when his father secured the attorney-general's consent to an autopsy. A doctor had found that the man had died of a skull injury. The doctor who performed the autopsy found that the first doctor had not lifted the skull to make sure of the cause of death, and that actually the man died of a heart condition. As a result, the deceased man's wife got seven years back pension.

"O'Donnell in the Ruth Taylor murder was condemned on circumstantial evidence," said Dr. Lawson. "Botanists proved a leaf on his boot was from a tree near which she was found. The experts also found that the mud on his boots had come from the same place. The hair on his clothes was from her rabbit-hair coat. The blood was also identified. Finally, they found his wrench.

"Friends found a man, who had been out hunting, at Georgian Bay, with a bullet through his heart. He was reclining in a composed position, with his hands folded, and his gun by his side. Friends said it was murder.

"The experts proved that the shot had been fired six inches from him. He had reached for his rifle, to shoot a deer, and had shot himself. He then sat down, and died."

The opposite of this was the case of a beauty parlor operator shot by her husband. He said: 'Look what she's done to herself.' The experts were able to prove that the bullet had come from about four feet from her and that she couldn't possibly have shot herself.

"We find about 40 per cent of pedestrians killed on the street have some alcohol in their blood," said Dr. Lawson. "The motor-car man is not all responsible. We have just started making these tests on pedestrians' blood the last two or three years. That is only fair. Sometimes, unfortunately, we find that the driver is responsible for the accident."

In Montreal a woman died in childbirth. The child died about the same time. The woman was the daughter of wealthy Brockville people. It was established that the baby lived after the mother and so the husband inherited property through the dead child which he would not otherwise have got.

"In about half the drowning cases there is no water in the lungs," said Dr. Lawson. "They die of asphyxiation. Water hits the larynx and closes it off. Professor Robinson and Dr. Banting have been working on reviving people by opening the larynx, when no amount of artificial respiration would help them."

Dr. Lawson told of several murder convictions where suspicions of foul play did not arise until after an autopsy had been performed.

"That's why the coroner's inquest should be kept," he said. "People who think that they are not going to be detected get greedy. It is also a great protection to insurance companies against unjust claims."

HELP WEST

During the past month the Newmarket W.C.T.U. has made quilts for relief and has packed a bale and sent it to Regina.

PLEASE NOTE

Next week The Era will be published on Tuesday. This is made necessary by the Christmas rush in the post office and will also enable merchants to assist the public in their Christmas shopping. Correspondents and advertisers are asked to provide copy by Friday or Saturday if possible. Correspondents may send part of their copy immediately and have balance reach Era on Monday. The co-operation of all will be much appreciated.

Juniors Hit Ice On Jan. 4, With Sutton Visiting Newmarket

BOYS ARE IN GREAT SHAPE NOW AS RESULT OF PRE-SEASON PLAY

WAIT FOR LOCAL ICE

Newmarket juniors play their first regular O.H.A. game on Jan. 4, meeting Sutton on Newmarket ice.

The Holmes boys have had a good bit of ice practice in Toronto and at Midland, but now will have to kick their heels until Jack Frost obliges with local ice. The boys have shown real promise, and the fans are looking forward to a good season.

Newmarket is grouped with Markham, Beaverton, Sutton and Richmond Hill. The first and third teams and the second and fourth teams will play home-and-home games in the play-offs, goals to count. The highest team will decide where the first game is to be played.

Two out of three games will decide the finals. The highest team in the group gets the choice of ice. If a third game is necessary the gate will be split even after all expenses are paid.

QUEENSVILLE

APPEAL FOR GIFTS FOR UNFORTUNATE

A special white gift service will be held at the United church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, when all will have an opportunity to present their gifts of clothing, toys, candy, oranges and everything which goes to make a happy Christmas. These gifts will be distributed next week to the families who are not quite so fortunate as others.

You are invited to attend the Christmas concerts next week of the following schools: Tuesday, Dec. 19, Hillside S.S. 2, at 8 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 20, Union St., S.S. 8, at 8 p.m.; and Queensville S.S. 5 on Thursday, Dec. 21, to be held in the church Sunday-school.

Your local stores have new supplies of splendid Christmas gifts. Patronize them.

The Queensvillle United church branch of the Women's Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Wilbert Dew on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. Byron Aylward will have charge of the study book.

Friends of this community extend deepest sympathy to the bereaved friends and relatives of Mrs. James, who died at her home here on Wednesdny.

Nobody has to subscribe to The Era. People who read The Era are people who meet their obligations and have money to spend. That is why The Era is a superior advertising medium.

"Name?" queried the immigration official.

"Sneeze," replied the Chinese proudly.

The official looked hard at him. "Is that your Chinese name?" he asked.

"No, Melican name," said the Oriental blandly.

"Then let's have your native name."

"Ah Choo."

JUNIOR C HOCKEY SCHEDULE

Dec. 27—Markham at Sutton
29—Beaverton at Richmond Hill
Jan. 4—Sutton at NEWMARKET
5—Beaverton at Markham
9—Richmond Hill at Beaverton
10—NEWMARKET at Sutton
12—NEWMARKET at Markham
12—Sutton at Richmond Hill
16—Markham at Richmond Hill
16—Sutton at Beaverton
18—Richmond Hill at NEWMARKET
19—Sutton at Markham
23—NEWMARKET at Beaverton
24—Richmond Hill at Sutton
25—Beaverton at NEWMARKET
26—Richmond Hill at Markham
30—NEWMARKET at Richmond Hill
30—Markham at Beaverton
Feb. 1—Beaverton at Sutton
1—Markham at NEWMARKET

City Girl

City Girl: What is this stuff I've just picked?

He: Wow; that's poison ivy.

City Girl: Well, don't get excited, I'm not going to eat it.

Trick-of-the-Week

Perhaps you've heard about the man who said he would join the navy and try to get onto one of those sister ships, because the others always go down.

SHARON

RE-ELECT OFFICERS OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL

The annual meeting of the officers of St. James' church Sunday-school was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Grose on Saturday evening. A very favorable report was given by the secretary-treasurer of the work carried on during the past year.

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: supt., R. J. Rogers; asst. supt., Miss Gertrude Grose; sec.-treas., Miss Erma Hall; teachers, Mrs. A. Haines and Miss Kathleen Grose.

Plans were also made for the annual Christmas Sunday-school treat, which is to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kiteley, this Saturday evening. At the close of the business session, the chairman, R. J. Rogers, moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Grose for the use of her home.

WILL MEET AT HOME OF MRS. N. L. MATHEWS

The December meeting of the Newmarket Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. N. L. Mathews, 1 Elm St., on Thursday, Dec. 21.

A report of the annual convention will be given by Mrs. D. McDonald. The hostesses are Miss C. Roadhouse, Mrs. W. J. Geer, Mrs. Hodge and Mrs. J. Morris.

WILL MEET AT STUART SCOTT SCHOOL ON DEC. 19

The Home and School Association will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday evening, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m. at the Stuart Scott school. A Christmas program will be given by the school children.

SMART NEWMARKET CONSTABLE SOLVES PUZZLING BREAK-IN, RECOVERS GOODS

A policeman's job is not easy, but sometimes there are rewards for hard work. Constable Kenneth Mount was rewarded with the successful solution of a break-in at Bill White's Eagle St. service station last Thursday, after nearly 24 hours continuous duty. He then had an hour's rest before going on duty for another 12 hours.

Mr. White phoned Constable Mount at 8.10 Thursday morning that his station had been broken into and about $70 worth of goods stolen.

The only clue that Constable Mount could find was part of a fountain pen marked, "Stolen from J. W. Hart." At 8 a.m. he had seen what he thought was a Barrie packing company's truck on Newmarket's Main St.

Seeing one of this company's trucks go by as he was investigating the break-in he had a hunch, which proved mistaken but useful, and followed this truck, after some difficulty, to Aurora.

The driver was able to tell him that J. W. Hart was a Barrie garage operator near his own firm's premises. He also said that one of his company's trucks would have no reason to be in Newmarket at 3 a.m.

So Constable Mount phoned Barrie police and they in turn communicated with Orillia police. About noon Orillia police phoned Constable Mount that they had the men and Mr. White's goods.

Constable Mount and Sergeant Sidney Barraclough of York county police then went to Barrie and Orillia. Sergeant Barraclough was working on a break-in the same night at Oak Ridges.

To make a long story short, it developed that three Orillia men had picked up a dairy truck on a Barrie street, broken into W. J. Hart's garage in Barrie, took a few little things, including the fountain pen left at White's in Newmarket, came to Newmarket via Beeton and returned to Orillia via Beaverton, leaving the truck and the loot a few miles outside of Orillia.

The Orillia police picked them up on their way into town after someone had phoned in that they "looked suspicious." They had with them boxes of matches with the White service station name on them. While the Orillia police were questioning them, Constable Mount's message regarding the Newmarket break-in reached Orillia police via Barrie police.

The three men signed a full confession and appeared in Barrie police court yesterday.

CHILDREN DON COSTUMES TO GREET SANTA

HANDSOME CASH PRIZES AWARDED TO LUCKY YOUNGSTERS

SANTA IS SUCCESS

Santa Claus came to town on Saturday. With him during his entire visit were crowds and crowds of children, some in costume and some in mufti.

The parade was led by dancing chargers and completed with dancing bears and "Mother Goose" folk, Citizens' band and the R.S.A. bugle band as usual were big drawing-cards and nearly stole the show from Santa himself at times. Santa was his jovial self.

All youngsters, submitting a used toy, were admitted free at the Strand theatre, and those wearing costumes received tickets for this Saturday too.

Santa's candy went to all children, those attending the theatre and those who went shopping instead.

Prizes for costumes went to the following: Christmas, (1), $3, Don Langton and Patsy Langton; (2), $2, Harold and Gordon Hambleton; (3), $1, Bryce Lincoln, Comic, (1), $3, Tom McHale; (2), $2, Orla Larsen; (3) $1, Jack McCarnan. Fancy, (1), $3, Alan Jackson; (2), $2, Donald Cribar; (3), $1, Peggy Long.

Chairman Wm. E. Andrews, on behalf of the parade committee, expressed thanks to all who assisted in any way in making the parade a success, and extended season's greetings to all.

No gift is more appropriate at Christmas time than the gift which lasts all the year round. Send The Era as a Christmas gift. It is new every week.

NO TAXES SCHEME NOW PUT FORWARD

Editor, The Era: Is the public being gypped by shoe manufacturers? Look down at your shoes. My boots show 1¾ inches of space between the eyelets on each side. Why does the manufacturer not make the lacings so that the shoe will lace up tightly without space between? After wearing shoes for 60 years I discovered this.

Having been elected to the council of North Gwillimbury Dec. 4, and in order to make good as a councillor, after having promised everything with the exception of sleigh-rides in July if there was snow and the sleeve holes out of my vest, I was determined to look for new revenue to steal a march on the other members of the council. I looked at my boots for support, and this is where I found that money could be saved.

The way to go about this, in my opinion, would be to have the government license all shoe manufacturers, and for every pair of shoes that is turned out deduct the value of the leather that is short in the proper making of shoes to fit tight in lacing and this money would go to the farmer. The laces which are now used to cover up the cheap tongues would only need to be one half as long, thus saving the cost of shoe laces used by all the people of Canada. This saving, collected by the government, would go to cover the costs of the municipalities of Ontario. Therefore there would be no taxes to pay.

For this suggestion, I would probably win the favor of the people, and, instead of councillors, we would have popularity contests. If this suggestion is of any use, the money could be used for Red Cross, Santa Claus Fund or as above.

Harry T. Babb.

VETERANS WILL FROLIC IN TOWN HALL TONIGHT

Owing to Dec. 25 falling on the last Monday of the month the regular meeting of the Newmarket Veterans' Association will be cancelled.

A special meeting will be held this evening at the town hall at 8 p.m. at the annual dance, euchre and draw.

All veterans are invited to attend and bring their wives, families and friends and enjoy the evening's fun.

A special prize will be given for the oldest veteran in attendance.

MANY TAKE PART IN TRINITY CHURCH PAGEANT

A pageant, "The House That Jack Built," under the gifted direction of Norman Williams, will be presented in Trinity United church on Sunday evening. Those taking part are Phyllis Ough, Joyce Smith, Mary Margaret Webb, Art Lee, Dan Tensdale, Glen Murray, Ken Johns, Ann Rogers, Lois Cane, Lois Geer, Wayne Manning, Donald Cockburn, Shirley Geer, Charles Boyd, Clifford Barker, Dorothy Thompson, Jack Rankin, Robert Brooks, Beryl Rowntree, Jack Williams, Martha Coorssen, Jean Robertson.

Lions Worried As Money Seems Slow, Kiddies Look To You

MORE CHILDREN NEED CHRISTMAS CHEER THIS YEAR

NEED IS URGENT

"We can't let the kiddies down at Christmas," President Jack Luck of the Lions club stated this week.

"But tell the public that the goods are costing more, there are more children to look after, and the money is coming in more slowly," Mr. Luck said.

Through the agency of the Newmarket Lions Christmas Stocking Fund the public last year looked after 213 children. This year there is a list of 250 children for whose care Santa would like help.

Between $400 and $500 is needed. It will have to come fast.

Lions Christmas Stocking Fund

Acknowledged to date	**$11.50**
T. Eaton Co.	$ 5.00
Robt. Simpson Co.	3.00
Miss Hartry	.50
Mrs. H. Molyneaux	1.00
Office Specialty	25.00
Dixon Pencil Co.	5.00
Total to date	**$51.00**



LEADS POLLS

Mrs. Gerald F. Sturdy (nee Lida Pearson), chairman of the Preston board of education, has been re-elected to the board, leading the poll, with a majority of 260 votes over her nearest competitor.

Market Next Wednesday Afternoon Is Departure

PRIZE MARKET IS IN ADDITION TO REGULAR SATURDAY MARKETS

The special Christmas prize market, next Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 20, at 2 p.m., in the market building and town hall, is going over in popular favor with the citizens and farming community.

It is a new departure to have market in the afternoon, but the event promises to be a success. Splendid prizes are being offered for 16 classes of farm products and in addition there are four extra special prizes. Advertisement on page six tells the full story.

The regular Saturday market will be held as usual on Dec. 16 and Dec. 23. The regular buyers and others will be present and the highest prices are always obtained at Newmarket farmers' market.

PLAN CAROL CONCERT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

The citizens of Newmarket turned out in fine style to listen to one of the best concerts of the winter season last Sunday evening.

The many request numbers were very well received and those who were present went wild in their applause both for the band and in appreciation of the guest artist, Jack McCreight. His "million dollar smile" warmed the hearts of all who were present. The wet weather did not dampen the spirit of the band-lovers and few empty seats were to be found in the hall.

Plans are now under way for the carol concert to be presented by the band on Christmas eve in the United church. This concert will take the form of carol singing and all are asked to keep the date in mind.

SUTTON

LADY WILL SPEAK ON RUSSIA AND FINLAND

At the regular monthly meeting of the Red Cross branch of Sutton and vicinity on Tuesday, a meeting held in the evening so that men may attend, there is to be a talk by Mrs. E. Bateman of Oshawa, her subject being Russia and Finland. Mrs. Bateman has travelled widely. She spent some time last year in Algiers and is accounted a good speaker in her own area, so the Sutton people are looking forward to a treat.

Plans are also being made to keep up interest in these monthly meetings and the secretary has received an offer from Miss Nelia Jefferis of Toronto to bring up one of the theatrical troupes in which she is interested, to give an evening's entertainment. Mrs. Irving Robertson, who has had a house at Jackson's Point for years, will arrange for a showing of a very fine film on that country of beauty and surprises, New Zealand.

HE'S NO FARMER

Bill White, Eagle St., service station operator, is busy denying rumors that he has bought a farm. He says he could handle a tractor all right, but his qualifications as a farmer stop right there.

INSPECTOR EXPECTED

The inspector is expected at Newmarket high school next week.

NET $200 FOR RED CROSS WORK

Owing to Christmas activities, the Red Cross headquarters will be closed from Monday, Dec. 18, to Jan. 3, when the sewing and knitting will be resumed.

The sewing committee is urgently in need of ladies to sew. They are hoping for a large response to their appeal after the new year. Anyone wishing to sew at home, after the holidays, please call Mrs. Stephens, 234, or Mrs. Wainman, 488.

The society would like to express its very grateful thanks to Mrs. A. N. Belugin for the handsome sum of $200.35 which they received as a result of the splendid entertainment given in the town hall last week.

The public's response in the packed house on both nights spoke in the highest terms of appreciation to all the artists who gave so willingly of their time and talents for such a worthy cause.

An executive meeting of the Red Cross Society was held at the home of Mrs. P. J. Tod on Monday evening.

CHIMNEY BLAZES

Newmarket fire brigade were called to a bad chimney fire at the home of Gordon Brewer, Lydia St., on Wednesday at 1.15 p.m. Fire out was sounded at 2.10 p.m.

WILL MEET AT THE HOME OF MRS. ALLAN MILLS

The Velma Widdifield mission circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Allan Mills, 8 Grace St., on Friday, Dec. 15, at 8 o'clock for election of officers.

HEAR E. VINCENT

E. Vincent was the speaker at the Sunday meeting of the British-Israel federation, taking for his subject, "Babylon is Falling." He reviewed the situation in Europe and gave a talk on current events. He was going on to Orillia to address the members of the B. I. federation there that evening.

Coming Events

Friday, Dec. 15.—In the Bugle Band hall, Women's Institute bazaar, tea and sale of home-baking from 2.30 to 6 p.m. Euchre at 8 p.m. Good prizes. Proceeds for war work. 51w14

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ANOTHER "REALIST"

It is interesting to read the opinions of the visitor, Alfred Duff Cooper, who resigned at the time of the Munich agreement to indicate his disapproval of Mr. Chamberlain. There will be some people who will agree with Mr. Duff Cooper, but we think there will be more people who will disagree with him, even though he argues his case ably. In an interview the Globe and Mail represents him as siding with Mr. George McCullagh and the "growing numbers of realists in the belief that the war is as much a war against the German rank and file as it is a war against the Nazi hierarchy." Thank God for Mr. Chamberlain and the idealists!

Not Original

After this war is over, Mr. Duff Cooper believes, "we should offer Germany prosperity—but not power." An offer like that would interest some of our Canadian political parties. They get power but do not seem to be able to produce the prosperity which they promise. Mr. Duff Cooper says "we must make sure that she never rises again as a military nation." He says that "we must make sure that she stays disarmed," but says that "there can never be successful world disarmament." "World disarmament is just as dangerous as world armament, because then all nations are equal. The greatest wars start after general armament races which could be prevented by a strong nation or group of nations playing the role of international police." Now there is a new, bright and original solution of the world's war problem!

WHAT WOMEN SAY

The Provincial Council of Women was meeting in Toronto last week. We always think that women should somehow find the time to take more part in the conduct of public affairs. Of course, there are lots of women with time on their hands, but it is to the busy women we must look to take on more duties and interests. The Provincial Council of Women is an organization which takes an interest in public affairs and strives to influence government and public opinion in what it considers desirable directions. Its task would be easier if there were more women as active members of public bodies.

A Tip For "Mitch"

Disapproving biennial municipal elections, but favoring two-year terms for councillors, in other words, having half the council retire each year, the Council of Women made a protest against the Hepburn-Cross plan. A statement said: "The present war, with all its horrors, is being fought to defend democracy, and we are in serious danger of losing it here in Ontario." The statement referred to "increasing use of undemocratic forms of legislation," and mentioned "government by commissions made up of men who are not elected by or responsible to the public."

Would Modify Liquor Policy

The Council of Women turned down a resolution asking for closing of all beverage rooms, in view of the statement of a Windsor woman that prohibition had increased perjury, kidnapping and bootlegging in border towns, and instead asked the government for restriction of the hours and conditions of sale in beverage rooms and increased effort in the enforcement of the Liquor Control Act.

NO MORE SHARING?

High school education costs make a complicated subject to discuss or understand. Recently the education committee of York county council, of which Deputy-Reeve Joseph Vale of Newmarket is chairman, has been discussing with the provincial department of education a proposal that all municipalities in the county should be made what are known as "high school areas." The effect of this, we gather, would be to put an end to any sharing or spreading out of high school costs among municipalities. Each municipality would pay its own costs, so far as those costs could be accurately determined.

Tough on Back Concessions

The report made to county council lists the municipalities which would benefit and those which would lose. The report is not quite clear to us, as reported in the daily press, for the savings of the former municipalities make a much greater total than the losings of the latter. That does not seem reasonable. However, the effect, so far as this part of the county is concerned, is substantial savings to Newmarket and Aurora, slight savings to North Gwillimbury and Sutton, but increased costs for King, East Gwillimbury and Whitchurch townships. That doesn't appeal to us as a forward step. Our farmers have sufficient burdens to bear, and a lower average standard of living than their neighboring townsmen now. There are many, many people in these northern townships, for instance, who cannot afford to have electricity in their homes. It seems to us that a shifting of a burden from the town people of Newmarket and Aurora to the township people of East Gwillimbury, Whitchurch and King would lack real justice. Before long, no doubt, Mr. Vale will be making a full explanatory statement of the situation to the Newmarket town council.

EDUCATION AND GARBAGE

Our neighboring town of Brampton has some interesting municipal questions under discussion at the moment, as discussed in the following editorial from the Fergus News-Record:

"The ratepayer of Brampton will be asked to vote on a proposal to amalgamate the two school boards of the town and form one board of education, with control over both high and public school expenditures. C. V. Charters, editor of the Conservator, has been gathering information about boards of education in other places, and finds that the general opinion is that they work out much better than separate boards. This information he is passing on to his readers.

"Mr. Charters asked about conditions in Fergus, when making his survey, and he wanted to know, among other things, when Fergus had one board first. We were unable to answer that question at the time, except to say that there has been one board as long as we can remember—and we imagined for a much longer time than that. This week we have learned that Fergus had a combined board of education 75 years ago, when such things were apparently quite uncommon. From a hint in an old letter, it appears that the Fergus schools, public and grammar, had been carrying on in one building, and for a time, we believe, with one principal. The obvious result was that one board looked after the management of the schools.

"While no vote is being taken yet, Brampton is also considering a garbage collection. One wonders, sometimes, that towns of this size have managed so long without garbage collection, while other places, much smaller, wouldn't do without it. Nor would Fergus. Apart from a new public school, our town seems to be well supplied with the conveniences that make life more pleasant, including things that much larger towns do without. During the taking of the evidence on the appeals against the Grand River assessments, it was stated that Paris, one of the appealing municipalities, still depended on septic tanks, and was probably the largest Ontario town without sewers and a sewage disposal system."

"freer exits" and additional colonial space, since Italy's freedom of movement and its independence are threatened in the Mediterranean by the fact that Britain could close Gibraltar and the Suez canal at will.

50 YEARS AGO

From Era file, Dec. 13, 1889

Mr. Eli Armitage of Sault Ste. Marie was in town last week.

Miss Florence Lee of Toronto has been visiting at Mr. J. A. Bastedo's for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Robertson gave a progressive euchre party at their home on Tuesday evening for the tennis club and friends.

The premises lately vacated by Mr. Lowe in the brick block between the post office and bank are undergoing thorough renovation and will be fitted up as a drug store, by Dr. Scott. Stuart McClintock will be the clerk.

H. S. Cane refuses to accept the position of deputy-reeve of Newmarket for next year.

BORN—In town, Dec. 9, to Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Stuart, a daughter.

MARRIED—At the residence of the bride's parents, Dec. 11, by Rev. Geo. Hunt of King, Mr. Jas. Williams of Toronto to Miss Edith Srigley, daughter of Mr. Geo. Srigley, Newmarket.

MARRIED—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Stephen Wilson, Dec. 4, by Rev. G. S. Hunt, Mr. Milton Andrews to Miss May Wilson, both of King.

DIED—In East Gwillimbury, Dec. 7, Amy Weddell, widow of Robert Weddell, aged 78 years.

25 YEARS AGO

From Era file, Dec. 11, 1914

Miss Sackett of Prescott spent the weekend with Miss Lida Pearson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Marritt of Keswick were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Thompson on Sunday.

Mrs. J. E. Cane is spending a few days with Mrs. Geo. Robinson, Penetang.

Mr. Terry of Winnipeg, brother of Mrs. B. W. Hunter, spent a few days in town last week before returning west.

Mr. Wm. Larkin of Nobleton has moved into the house on Park Ave. vacated by Mr. Field.

Mrs. C. G. Ross is visiting her daughter at Peterboro.

Hamilton Bros. have opened a general store on the corner of Main and Huron Sts.

All the glass is now in the new post office.

While working a heavy pressing machine at the Office Specialty last Tuesday, Wm. R. Brown had two fingers so badly jammed they had to be amputated.

The O. H. A. intermediate hockey team will be managed by H. Doyle, while B. McHale will look after the juniors.

BORN—In Aurora, Dec. 9, to Mr. and Mrs. John Ough, a son.

BORN—In Newmarket, Dec. 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Traviss, a son.

DIED—In Newmarket, Dec. 6, Isaac Watson Lundy, in his 63rd year.

PLEASANTVILLE

SCHOOL CONCERT WILL BE HELD ON DEC. 21

Mr. Donald Morton and Miss M. Foster had Saturday night tea with Mr. and Mrs. H. West.

Mrs. I. Morton was at the home of Mrs. H. Ostley for tea on Saturday night. Mr. Ira Morton returned home with Mrs. Morton for a month's holidays at Oakwood.

Miss McCaul of Newmarket spent the weekend with Mrs. E. Hawtin.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Toole and children spent last Thursday in the city.

Mrs. A. Tucker visited friends in Newmarket on Monday.

The Monday night prayer meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. G. McClure.

Those who attended the kitchen shower last Wednesday night at R. Chapman's home, Pine Orchard, in honor of his daughter, Alma, included Mrs. R. Willis and Jean, Miss S. McQueen, Mrs. G. McClure and Dora, Miss V. Johnson and Messrs. Max and Elmer Johnson.

There was a very good attendance at the annual election of officers meeting of the Willing Workers, held last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. A. M. Colville, assisted by Mrs. Harper. The program consisted of carols and a lovely Christmas story, read by Mrs. E. Hawtin.

Mrs. G. McClure occupied the chair for the election of officers, which went off very smoothly and resulted as follows: pres., Mrs. A. Tucker; 1st vice-pres., Mrs. Earl Toole; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. C. Rose; sec-treas., Mrs. R. Armitage; program convenor, Mrs. R. Willis; lunch convenor, Mrs. Wilson; sewing convenor, Mrs. Chapman; visiting committee, Mrs. G. McClure and auditors, Mrs. D. McClure and Mrs. C. Toole.

The girls' homemaking club will meet this Saturday at the home of Jacqueline Skinner.

The Bogarttown Christmas school concert will be held on Thursday, Dec. 21. A collection will be taken in aid of hot lunches.

The Community club will meet this Friday at the schoolhouse. Elmer Starr's group is in charge of the program.

A gift much appreciated by friends or relatives away from home is The Newmarket Era. He or she or they will be proud to receive the home weekly. You will be proud to receive their comments on your gift. And The Era will be proud to be sent.



A GHOST IS REPORTED IN THE DISTRICT

BY RUTH DINGMAN HEBB

"I wonder what the chances are for a white Christmas?" Woody, the Downy Woodpecker, asked his friend, Slaty, the Junco.

"I hope they're not good," replied Slaty. "I much prefer a green Christmas. When there's snow on the ground, the weed seeds are so much harder to get."

"That's true, but it seems so much nicer when we have lots of snow," maintained the Woodpecker. "It seems to foster the spirit of generosity among the birds. Somehow or other, I find myself telling people where they can get a good square meal when we have a white Christmas, but if there's no snow, I just mind my own business."

"It seems to me that you are getting more like Pecker, your father, every day," said the Junco. "He's always using big words and acting like a professor."

"My white tail feathers!" he exclaimed a moment later. "Here comes someone in a terrific hurry. Who in the world is it?"

"It's a Chickadee, I believe," said Woody. "Here, here! What's the matter, my good fellow? Oh, it's you, Very Young Chips. I didn't know you at first. What's happened?"

"P-p-p-plenty, Uncle Woody," gasped the young Chickadee. "You haven't seen my father or mother, have you?"

"No, I haven't, but for goodness' sake tell me what's wrong," Woody said. "Your Uncle Woody can help you I'm sure."

"Since when did a Woodpecker become an uncle to a Chickadee?" inquired Slaty from the ground.

"He's n-n-not my real uncle, but I call him th-that because he's a friend of my father's," explained Very Young Chips, still breathless. "But I'll tell you what happened if you won't laugh—I saw a ghost!"

"Nonsense," stated the Woodpecker immediately in firm tones. "That's impossible. Besides this is Christmas time not Hallowe'en."

"But I did!" insisted Very Young Chips. "It was away over in a field on the other side of the town — a sort of frozen marshy field. I saw this tremendous bird . . . "

"Oh, it was a bird, was it?" said Woody. "If it was a bird, then it wasn't a ghost."

"Well, it was huge and all white and it didn't even look like anything I'd ever seen," said the Chickadee. "It might have been an Owl, only it didn't have any sign of any ear tufts. I was scared stiff and made a dash for the town as fast as I could."

"It's probably just as well you didn't stay," commented Woody drily. "What you saw was no ghost, but an Owl. It was a Snowy Owl and it must have been an adult male, if it was all white. Most of the ones we see are not all white, but are marked with brown. They are young ones. Not that we see many, for they are uncommon, but some do come down here from the north in the winter time, especially the young ones."

"Gosh, I'm glad I didn't get any closer," shuddered Very Young Chips. "It might have got me. And it was so big I would have gone down in one gulp. Ugh! I guess it would have been better if it had been a ghost."

"Yes, it's big all right, about 25 inches long," Woody told him. "But it wasn't likely interested in you. It was probably hunting for rabbits."

"The poor rabbits!" said Very Young Chips feelingly.

"You'd better go and tell your parents what you saw," advised Woody. "I'm afraid they may be a little upset when they find out what their darling ran into."

"Oh, I didn't run into it," Very Young Chips assured him.

"Don't be so literal, my boy," counselled the Woodpecker.

TREASURE HUNT ENJOYED BY CUBS

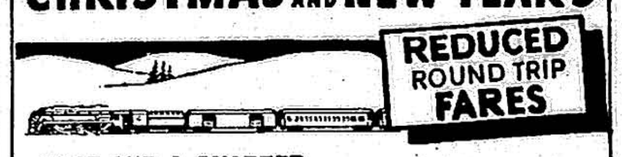
Last Friday evening the Wolf Cubs of the second Newmarket pack enjoyed a "Treasure Hunt." Thirty-two cubs hit the trail to find the treasures. There was a separate trail for each six and, altogether, they covered the whole town.

The blue six received the prize for being the first back and for finding their treasure. After all had returned to the cub hall, the cubs had hot-dogs, coffee and milk.

There will be a meeting this Friday at 7 o'clock sharp. All cubs wishing to buy any part of their uniform please be sure and have your size, plus 10c for the money order.

No new members will be taken in until after the new year.

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S



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Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., top ranking movie star for a quarter of a century, succumbed to a heart attack on Tuesday. Fairbanks was for some years the husband of Mary Pickford and the two were the favorites of the screen.

At the request of the 51 lawyers involved, Probate Judge Thomas C. Murphy of Detroit has postponed until Jan. 10 a decision on distribution of the $9,600,000 Dodge estate.

The "German freedom party," in a broadcast picked up in London on Tuesday, is reported to have sent a 100-day "ultimatum" to Adolf Hitler to "restore Germany to the German people" within that time or else forfeit his life.

For the first time since the last war, the British parliament will hold a secret session on Thursday. Workmen were busy Tuesday nailing up extra doors and barriers. The king has signed a special order-in-council to assure secrecy. The order-in-council forbids publication of any proceedings of the secret session except such material as may be officially communicated through the press and censorship bureau.

An order for $20,000,000 worth of bombing planes was reported on Wednesday to be the basis of a forthcoming contract between the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in the United States and the British Purchasing Commission.

Russia rejected a League of Nations proposal to mediate in the Russian-Finnish war, opening the way for League condemnation of the Soviet Union as an aggressor and possible banishment from Geneva, on Tuesday.

Virginio Gayda, authoritative Fascist commentator and editor, said on Tuesday in Rome that Italy is Great Britain's "prisoner" in the Mediterranean. He said the Italian government must seek

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Wednesday Afternoon DECEMBER 20th, at 2 O'Clock

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4	Dressed Pair Ducks	1.50	1.25	.75
5	Dressed Pair Cockerels	1.50	1.25	.75
6	Collection of Six Chickens	1.50	1.25	.75
7	Best 2 Dozen Hen's Eggs, white	.75	.50	.25
8	Best 2 Dozen Hen's Eggs, brown	.75	.50	.25

CLASS	BEST	1st	2nd	3rd
9	5 lbs. Dairy Butter Prints	.75	.50	.25
10	6 qt. Basket Snow Apples	.50	.25	
11	6 qt. Basket Spy Apples	.50	.25	
12	6 qt. Basket Any Other Kind	.50	.25	
13	6 qt. Basket Carrots	.50	.25	
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POLICE COURT

UNREGISTERED GERMAN JAILED AS TRANSIENT

On a charge of shooting a deer in King township, Charles West, Newmarket, was fined $75 and costs, or two months, by Magistrate W. F. Woodliffe in police court here on Tuesday.

"I was patrolling King township on Dec. 3 with Game Warden Buie when we came across West and two other men with a deer," stated Game Warden Ernest Prosser. "West took all the responsibility for the deer."

"Did all three men have guns?" asked Magistrate Woodliffe.

"Yes," answered Prosser.

For having illegal possession of pike, Norman Bennett, Holland Landing, was fined $10 and costs. Game Warden Prosser testified that he caught Bennett with three pike at the Holland River last spring but that he went away and wasn't found again until this fall.

After pleading guilty to a charge of false pretences, Max Kleinberg, Toronto, was given suspended sentence and placed on probation for six months and he was also ordered to pay the amount of the cheque $18.50 plus court costs of $16.90 within one week.

George White, Keswick, testified that he had an auction sale at his farm near Queensville on Nov. 21 and that Kleinberg purchased several articles and that he took some with him and returned for the rest the following day. "Kleinberg paid cash for some of the goods and gave a cheque for the rest but the cheque was returned N.S.F."

Defence counsel for Kleinberg stated that the accused frequently let his account run low until he was informed by the bank.

"That practice is very bad and no way to do business," Magistrate Woodliffe told Kleinberg.

A charge of not paying wages laid against Alex Doner, Newmarket, by George Thompson, Newmarket, was withdrawn and Thompson was ordered to pay the court costs. Crown Attorney N. L. Mathews, K.C., stated that the matter had been settled out of court.

For speeding on Yonge St., W. F. O'Carroll, Hamilton, was fined $5 and costs.

The two 17-year-old Toronto youths, George Thompson and Fred Jones, who last week pleaded guilty to a charge of having a loaded revolver, were each given suspended sentence and placed on probation for one year.

"I am going to take into consideration your age and also the fact that neither of you have been in trouble before," Magistrate Woodliffe told the youths. "I strongly suspect that this revolver was stolen by you but with the consent of the crown attorney I am going to place you both on probation and give you suspended sentence."

John Hudson, East Gwillimbury, was ordered to pay wages of $78.50 to Wm. G. Ellis, Queensville, by Jan. 10, or serve 30 days in jail.

Hudson stated that he ran a threshing outfit but had had bad luck this fall and that he expected Ellis to stay on for the season but that Ellis had left.

"Can't you pay anything now?" asked Magistrated Woodliffe.

"No," answered Hudson. "Not until I get some more work."

"You have spent your money obtained from the work and also Ellis's money, and you have nothing now," stated the magistrate. "That's a fine way to do business. A man works hard and gets nothing in return for it."

A charge of careless driving laid against Luther Skinner, York township, by Orm. Richardson, Toronto, was dismissed by the magistrate, who said it was a case for the civil courts. The complainant, Richardson, was ordered to pay the court costs.

Skinner stated that after the accident in which his car and Richardson's were involved he agreed to fix Richardson's car, which he did. "Richardson said the work on his car was done to his satisfaction, so he signed a release for it. Eight days later he returned for me to fix his aerial but I refused, so he said he would bring me to court."

Vetus Muiller, Kitchener, transient, was sentenced to jail for 30 days in lieu of paying a fine of $10 and costs, when he was convicted on a charge of vagrancy.

"I arrested Muiller in Newmarket on Dec. 1," stated Constable Jas. Sloss, Newmarket. "Muiller was around Newmarket for several hours and I had two complaints about him begging. Muiller gave his address as Kitchener and stated he had come over to Canada from Germany three years ago but that he had not registered. The accused told me he had lived in police stations for part of the three years and got his living begging the rest of the time but that he had never had a job during the three years."

Mr. Mathews stated that Muiller had previously been convicted of vagrancy in Dunnville and Three Rivers.

Convicted on a charge of stealing a heifer, Ernest King, North Gwillimbury township farmer and father of seven children, was sentenced to the common jail for 30 days. King was also ordered to pay a penalty of $20 to the owner of the heifer or serve an additional 30 days. A second charge of stealing a steer and heifer belonging to his father, Joel King, was withdrawn. C. T. S. Evans, Bradford, was defence counsel.

"In August, 1938, I had some cattle pasturing west of Jackson's Point," testified Bert Scott, Queensville. "My pasture and King's were side by side. All my cattle were marked with a fairly wide notch under the right ear. I missed a roan heifer in August, 1938, and I never saw it again until Nov. 22, 1939. The heifer was at Dave Hillis's farm at Brown Hill and I recognized it immediately. I reported the loss of the heifer to my brother a year ago and we hunted all over for it but we didn't report it to the police."

David Hillis stated that he bought three cattle from Ernest King in August, 1938, and gave him $15 for each. Mr. Hillis said he sold the other two cattle but kept the heifer and that he didn't see Joel King, father of the accused, when he went for the cattle.

County Constable Wm. Hill stated that after Wesley Scott told him where the heifer was he went over to Hillis's to see it. "Mr. Hillis told me where he got the heifer and how much he paid for it. I went over to see Ernest King and he told me that he had never sold any cattle to Hillis. Later he admitted that he had sold three cattle in 1938."

King testified that he only sold his father's cattle to Hillis, as they worked together and that all his father's cattle were marked under the right ear.

"Why did you think the heifer was your father's?" asked Mr. Mathews.

"Because it was marked under the ear and besides my father raised that heifer," answered King.

Joel King stated that his cattle had the same identification as Bert Scott's. "The roan heifer has my mark on it and I claim it belongs to me."

"When did you first find out that your son had sold some cattle?" asked Mr. Mathews.

'About three months after the sale."

"Didn't you tell different ones that you had lost some cattle before you knew they had been sold?" "Yes."

"Did you report your cattle stolen to the police?" asked the magistrate.

"No, I just hunted for them."

"What right has your son Ernest to sell the cattle?" asked Mr. Evans.

"He has as much right as I have, as I don't pay him wages and he works out."

Constable Hill when recalled stated that the King cattle and Scott cattle bore the same identification.

"I don't believe he cared whose cattle they were and he just went ahead and sold them," stated the magistrate. "He should have made sure before he went ahead and sold the cattle."

Harry Babb, North Gwillimbury councillor-elect, gave character evidence for King.

"This is a very serious offence in the country and I can't look on the theft of cattle with a light sentence or suspended sentence," stated the magistrate.

Ernest Reid, King township, was convicted on the charge of theft of a car rug and remanded in custody one week for sentence. Defence counsel was Lorne Lee, Aurora.

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The school concert is slated for Dec. 21. Everyone is welcome.

A new store has been opened in the village in the sun-room of Mrs. K. Williams' home. Mrs. C. Core and Mrs. Williams have a fine stock of Christmas novelties and tags on display.

J. Crouch has bought the property and house from J. Miller. All hope he will like his new home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Sedore and Betty spent Sunday with Mr. R. Sedore.

Revival meetings are being held in the Free Methodist church.

BELHAVEN

Next Tuesday evening the Belhaven Sunday-school is holding its Christmas concert. The children who are helping in the chorus are asked to be present at Sunday-school next Sunday. Bernard Thompson is the superintendent.

Ladies from Belhaven Institute who attended the convention at the Royal York hotel, Toronto, were Miss Winnie Willoughby, Mrs. Cecil Prosser, Mrs. Angus Cameron and Mrs. E. Nelson.

The Elmhurst W. I. visited Belhaven Institute on Tuesday afternoon and gave the program.

The weather is cold this week with no snow on the ground at present.

The funeral of the late Ralph Link was held on Tuesday. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Wallace Young, a sister of Mr. Link.

Elmhurst Beach

The Jersey school will hold its Christmas concert in the school on Wednesday night, Dec. 20. A good program is being prepared, so everyone is asked to keep this date in mind.

Dr. O. Johnson of Selkirk, Man., is visiting his sister for a few days, Mrs. L. B. Pollock.

Ralph Link, who underwent an operation in the Toronto General Hospital last week, passed away on Sunday last and the sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Link and the family.

A number of the ladies attended the Red Cross meeting at Ravenshoe church on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boe, Norma and Ronald, of Toronto, visited at Mr. and Mrs. I. Waldon's on Saturday.

Friends are glad to hear that Miss Gladys Smithers, who has been ill for some time at Gravenhurst, is better and able to be home again.

Mr. Norman Dixon has returned home after visiting friends in Toronto for a couple of weeks.

CEDAR BRAE

HELEN KENNEDY IS BRIDE OF IRVIN RAE

A very quiet wedding took place at the Mennonite parsonage on Thursday of last week, when Helen Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Kennedy of Zephyr, was married to Irvin Rae, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rae. Rev. A. Lehman officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kay spent last Wednesday visiting their daughter, Mrs. Norman Rae, of Virginia.

Mrs. Geo. Rae is still in the Private Patients' Pavilion, Toronto General hospital, with her condition somewhat improved.

A number of the children of the neighborhood journeyed to Newmarket on Saturday to see the Santa Claus parade.

Miss Zetta Mason spent Sunday at her home here.

Mrs. A. Lehman, who has been ill, has gone to visit her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Urquhart (nee Olive Sedore) have returned from their trip and are settled in their home.

Mr. Geo. Rae and daughter, Lorna, spent Monday in Toronto.

LOCAL MARKET

At the local market on Saturday, turkeys brought 20 cents a pound and chickens, 18 cents. Butter sold at 30 cents and eggs from 25 to 32 cents.

Apples were 15 cents, parsnips, onions and carrots, 20 cents a basket. Cabbage and squash were 5 cents each.

TORONTO MARKETS

Prices on the Toronto markets on Tuesday for creamery solids, No. 1, were 27½ cents and for creamery prints, No. 1, 29½ to 30 cents a pound. Country dealers were quoted on graded eggs, cases free, delivered to Toronto, A large, 30 to 31 cents, A medium, 26 to 27 cents, and A pullets, 23 cents a dozen.

Prices to the shipper for poultry were: turkeys, 10 pounds and over, 18 cents, geese, A grade, 13 to 14 cents, spring chickens, 1 to 1½ pounds, 17 cents, and fatted hens, 4 to 5 pounds, 13 to 14 cents a pound.

Weighty steers ranged from $6 to $7.50, butcher steers and heifers closed at $5.50 to $7.50. Choice veal calves finished at $10 to $11.

Off-truck bacon hogs were $8.90.

Holland Landing

The United church lantern slides, Christmas tree and supper, will be held on Dec. 19. The Anglican church Christmas tree and concert is on Dec. 20 and the public school concert and Christmas tree is on Dec. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lundy of Toronto spent Sunday with Mrs. Lundy's sister, Mrs. E. Thompson.

Miss Lois Sedore of Keswick is visiting her aunt, Mrs. A. Stephenson.

Mr. Aubrey Stephenson visited Mr. Fred Rose at Gravenhurst on Sunday and reports that Fred is improving slowly.



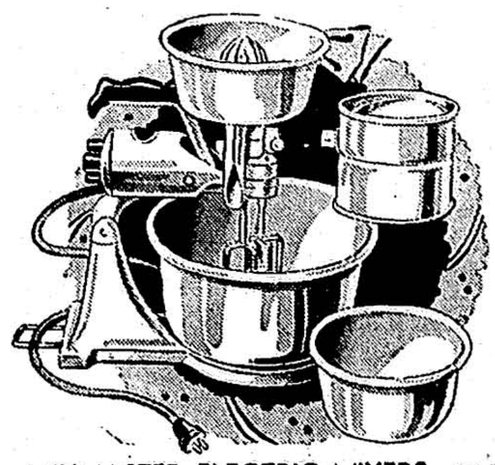
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The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JOHN CRAWFORD,
Township Clerk.
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TOWNSHIP OF WHITCHURCH

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up till 12 o'clock noon, Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1939, to supply a truck, plough and levelling wing to operate during the winter of 1939 and 1940 in the said township. Specifications may be seen at the office of the undersigned at Vandorf.

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JOHN CRAWFORD,
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The buildings mentioned in Sections No. 2 and 3 will have to be removed from the grounds within 90 days of the sale.

A ten per cent marked cheque must accompany the tender. Thirty days for balance.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders to be received by the secretary not later than Dec. 20, 1939.

T. E. Bell, Sec.-Treas.,
P. O. Box 34, Bradford, Ont.

NEWLYWEDS WILL LIVE IN ANGUS

The marriage took place last Saturday afternoon at the Christian church parsonage of Mary Ella Rose, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Rose, Newmarket, to Earl Woolsey, son of Mr. Woolsey and the late Mrs. Woolsey of Angus. Rev. Arthur Greer performed the ceremony. The bride wore a gray travelling suit trimmed with astrakan, black hat with short veil and black accessories.

After a short honeymoon they will reside in Angus.

BIRTHS

Bennitz—At York county hospital, Dec. 8, to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bennitz, Newmarket, a daughter.

Bond—At York county hospital, Dec. 8, to Mr. and Mrs. John Bond, Aurora, a son.

Morton—At York county hospital, Dec. 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Morton, Aurora, a daughter.

DEATHS

Atkinson—On Thursday, Dec. 7, at her late residence, 15 Albany Ave., Toronto, Jessie Atkinson, younger daughter of the late John S. and Mary Atkinson, and sister of Howard and Eva Atkinson.

The funeral service was held at the above address on Saturday afternoon. Interment Prospect cemetery.

Davidson—At the home of his daughter, Mrs. John S. Johnson, Brooklin, Dec. 14, Joseph D. Davidson, husband of the late Eliza Sheppard, in his 91st year, and father of David of India, Annie (Mrs. J. S. Johnson) of Brooklin, Robert of Belhaven, Etta (Mrs. Robt. Norris) of Beaverton, Holmes of Toronto and Donald of Newmarket.

Interment will be in Queensville cemetery.

Dawson—At York county hospital, Newmarket, on Tuesday, Dec. 12, Frederic John Dawson, husband of Daisy Dieterle, in his 73rd year.

The service was held from the funeral chapel of Roadhouse & Rose this afternoon. Interment Newmarket cemetery.

James—At Queensville, Wednesday, Dec. 13, Selina Mills, widow of the late Robert James, in her 74th year.

The funeral service will be held from her late residence on Dec. 15, at 2 o'clock. Interment Queensville cemetery.

Link — At the Toronto General hospital on Saturday, Dec. 9, Ralph Link, husband of Winnifred Rosher and father of Alice, Myrtle, Ruth, Margaret, Sidney and Percy, in his 47th year.

The funeral service was held at his late residence, Lakehurst farm, Keswick, on Tuesday. Interment Queensville cemetery.

MacMurchy—At the family residence in King, on Thursday, Dec. 7, Alexander MacMurchy, former warden of York county, husband of Agnes McCallum and father of Norman MacMurchy, King; Mrs. Albert Hill, Nobleton, and Mrs. Ross Lymburner, Hamilton, in his 85th year.

The funeral service was held at the residence Saturday afternoon. Interment King cemetery.

In Memoriam

Stickwood—In loving memory of our dear mother, Lydia Stickwood, who, on Dec. 12, 1938, went to her home of many mansions.

Forget her, no we never will,
For in our heart she liveth still,
Her memory is as dear to us
As in the hour she passed away,
When days are dark and friends are few
'Tis then, dear mother, we most miss you.
Sadly missed by husband and daughters.

Taylor—In loving memory of our dear father, David Taylor, who passed away Dec. 14, 1938.

As a wonderful father we think of you
In memories that are fond and true.
There wasn't a thing too big or too small
That you wouldn't try to do for us all.
Quickly and quietly came the call
His sudden death surprised us all.
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7 p.m.—"A YEAR ROUND CHRISTMAS"
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Friday of this week.

The public is cordially invited.

NOTE: Any who wish to share with the Sunday-school in the White Gift Service may bring ANY gift article wrapped in white paper. These gifts will be distributed in Christmas hampers.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, Dec. 17, 1939
Pastor — Rev. R. R. McMath
11 a.m.—Pastor.
7 p.m.—Pageant: "The House that Jack Built."

The pageant is under the direction of Norman Williams and a group of 23 young people take part. The story concerns the development of the Dominion of Canada.

ALMA CHAPMAN IS BRIDE OF SATURDAY

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Morton, Stouffville, on Saturday, when Alma Irene Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Chapman, Pine Orchard, became the bride of Harold A. Eveleigh, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Eveleigh, of Aurora.

The bride was becomingly dressed in wine crepe with fine pin-tuck trimming, wine turban and shoes. Her corsage was sweetheart roses and maiden hair fern. She wore the groom's gift, a gold locket.

Miss Beatrice Chapman was her sister's attendant, dressed in navy crepe with black accessories, and wearing a corsage of pink roses and maiden hair fern. Leslie Eveleigh supported his brother.

Following a luncheon at the home of the bride's parents, the happy couple left on a motor trip. On their return they will reside in Aurora.

N. H. S. DANCE IS HAPPY REUNION

Old school friendships were once more renewed when former N.H.S. students and friends gathered for the annual alumni dance in the school auditorium last Friday evening.

Many from a distance were in attendance, including two former popular teachers, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gardner, of Meaford. Mr. Evan Cruickshank, a recent teacher, also greeted many friends.

To the enchanting strains of Art West's orchestra, the large and very jolly crowd of dancers made merry till well after the midnight hour and all who joined in this annual event look forward with great anticipation to another alumni dance.

The president of the alumni association for the past two years, Bruce McClymont, announced the various novelty dances and the new executive for the coming year. The officers are: president, Charles Cunningham; 1st vice-pres., Fred Hewson; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. Arnold Molyneaux; sec., Alberta Atkins; treasurer, Mrs. Jack Morris.

The past executive are deserving of many thanks for their efforts in carrying out such a successful evening.

Among those present from out-of-town were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collingwood, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Blizzard, Mr. and Mrs. "Dodger" Collings, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Cruickshank, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Statton, Misses Reba Cunningham, Lois Goodwin, Sara Janes, Frances Baines, Gertrude Grose, Messrs. Alan Cane, Bill Cane, Bob Bothwell, John Carruthers, Wendell Cunningham, Percy Deavitt, Bill Janes, Bill Pipher, Ross Stiles, Gordon Ough, Ivan Atkins, Tom Lowndes, and others.

EVANGELINE AUXILIARY HOLDS REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Evangeline Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Trinity United church was held on Tuesday evening.

A dialogue, "At the Well," carrying the subject, "Jesus, the Light of the World," given by Mrs. W. Duffy, Miss B. Neilly and Miss L. Starr was very appropriate.

Solos by Miss Jean Hunter and Gerald Rutledge were very much enjoyed.

Mrs. Pritchard read a story, "Christmas Bells" and Mrs. Bothwell gave a Christmas poem.

Rev. R. R. McMath conducted the election of officers for the coming year. Tea was served at the close.

ARE ENTERTAINED BY COL. MULOCK

On Friday evening Col. W. P. Mulock, M.P., and president of the York County War Veterans' Association, entertained the members of the association bugle band, with headquarters at Richmond Hill, to a Christmas party at his farm, north Yonge St. Prominent officials of veterans' organizations from all parts of York county were also present.

PLEASE NOTE

Next week The Era will be published on Tuesday. This is made necessary by the Christmas rush in the post office and will also enable merchants to assist the public in their Christmas shopping. Correspondents and advertisers are asked to provide copy by Friday or Saturday if possible. Correspondents may send part of their copy immediately and have balance reach Era on Monday. The co-operation of all will be much appreciated.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

—Joan and Paul Widdifield children of Mr. and Mrs. Merlyn Widdifield, entertained 12 of their little friends at a joint birthday party last Thursday.

—Mrs. W. V. White of Toronto, spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. Robert Harland.

—Mr. Austin Haines of New York City spent last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mortson.

—Mr. and Mrs. Hawtin Ainsley and children of Sudbury are spending a few days with Mr. Ainsley's parents, Mr .and Mrs. Arthur Ainsley.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Goodman of Oshawa, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pegg, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. E. Rose, 38 Millard Ave.

—Mr. Norman A. Corneil of Lindsay, formerly of Newmarket, was in town one day last week, renewing acquaintances.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collingwood of Peterboro spent the weekend in town.

—Miss Alice Matthews is in town visiting her sister, Mrs. T. C. Watson, Main Street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Broughton of Toronto were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Broughton.

—Mr. and Mrs. John McGrawth of Toronto spent the weekend with Mrs. McGrawth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hughston.

—Dr. J. F. Terry of Winnipeg spent the weekend with his sister, Mrs. B. W. Hunter and Mr. Hunter.

—Miss Audrey Hammell spent the weekend in Toronto the guest of Miss Doris Young.

—Miss Virginia Elliott of Toronto spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Elliott.

—Miss Thelma Thornton of Saskatoon and Mrs. Clarence Marks of Winnipeg are spending a few weeks with their cousin, Mrs. Burt Hughes and Mr. Hughes.

—Miss Elizabeth Hewson of Toronto spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hewson.

—Mrs. W. H. Caldwell of Toronto spent a few days with Mrs. Thos. A. Caldwell last week.

—Mr. John Carruthers of Toronto spent Friday evening with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Carruthers, and attended the alumnae dance.

—Miss Muriel Olson of Toronto spent the weekend with Miss Edna Webster.

—Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Taylor of Toronto were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Scott.

—Mr. Vic. Bakemeyer of Toronto spent a few days with his uncle, Mr. Arthur Peppiatt.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Stevens and Judith, of Orillia, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Holmes.

—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dyer of Toronto were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Holmes last Thursday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Holborne of Belhaven and two children were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brammer.

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KESWICK

SOLDIERS LANKIER, NEED LONGER SOCKS

The regular meeting of the Keswick branch of the Canadian Red Cross society was held in Keswick schoolhouse on Dec. 5. The meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. Wm. Vail. N. Shortreed, convener of the combined finance and campaign committee, (whose co-convener is P. Mahoney), presented his report of the recent campaign, stating that $150 had been allotted Keswick as their share of the township canvass, which money will be used entirely locally to buy wool and material as required by the workers.

Mrs. Peel, secretary, and Mrs. P. Mahoney, treasurer, both presented their reports. There are now 106 members of Keswick branch. Mrs. J. Barker, convener of the wool and socks department gave a short report. Miss R. Van Norman read the poem, "The Red Cross." Rev. C. E. Fockler spoke a few encouraging words, after which the meeting adjourned with the singing of "God Save the King."

The next meeting will be held on Monday evening, Jan. 8, in Keswick public school at 8 o'clock.

It is now requested by the Red Cross society headquarters that all socks be knit two inches longer in the leg, with all other directions the same as previously given. Membership buttons may be secured from the canvassers or from Mrs. P. Mahoney. If anyone has either given a contribution of cash, or is a worker, they are entitled to a button and the executive is most anxious that all should have one and wear it.

The monthly business meeting of the W. A. of the United church and the election of officers was held last Thursday afternoon.

Those responsible for the recently decorated Sunday-school room received the hearty thanks of the W. A. A few of those who had donated of their time or material were: Winston Prosser, F. Marritt, M. Connell and J. Morton, as well as several of the ladies.

The following are the new officers: hon. pres., Mrs. W. E. Morton, Mrs. I. Waldon; pres., Mrs. D. McGenerty; 1st vice-pres., Mrs. A. Pedlar; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. Frances Morton; 3rd vice-pres., Mrs. S. Purdy; recording sec., Mrs. J. E. Baines; treasurer, Mrs. W. Davison; memorial fund treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Prosser.

Manse committee, Mrs. G. Hamilton, Mrs. C. Grant and Mrs. O. M. King; visiting committee, Mrs. K. McKinnon, Mrs. Waldon, Mrs. Frances Morton, Mrs. Oldham, Mrs. W. E. Morton, Miss J. Marritt; flower com., Mrs. Fockler, Mrs. O. Huntley, Mrs. Stork and Miss E. Gilroy; program com., Mr. W. Davison, Mrs. Vail, Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. W. E. Morton; pianists, Miss Joy Marritt, Mrs. G. Ethan Morton; auditors, Mrs. Shortreed and Mrs. Stork; temperance, Mrs. Friend Morton; press sec., Miss Joy Marritt; assistant, Miss E. Gilroy.

A very delicious supper was served, the following ladies being in charge of all arrangements: Mrs. Baines, Mrs. Ralph Henry, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Pedlar and Mrs. W. Davison. Mrs. Carson Pollock was unable to be present owing to her son, John, being ill.

The United church mission band concert held last Friday evening was most successful, being well attended by the adult members of the congregation, who came away delighted with the splendid program which Mrs. Bernard Rye, superintendent, with her assistants, the Misses H.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP

WANT ALL ACCOUNTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Reports from school sections Nos. 1 and 3 on school attendance were read at the regular meeting of Scott township council held at the township hall on Dec. 2. The Hydro-Electric Power Commission wrote regarding an account sent to the township for collection. Harry Meyers, Harvey Shier, Howard Kennedy and Jas. Smith sent sheep valuations. Communications were also read from the Ontario Hospital, Woodstock, refunding credit on maintenance of a patient discharged, and from the department of municipal affairs advising of the proposal for extending the term of municipal councils.

The following were appointed committees to meet other municipalities in settling townline expenditures: Uxbridge and Reach, John Clark, Amos Clarke, J. Meyers and W. Webster; East Gwillimbury, Messrs. Rae, Oldham and Meyers; Brock and Georgina, Messrs. Rae, Blackburn, Meyers and W. Webster.

A draft by-law for licensing pool rooms was introduced and read a first time.

The following accounts were passed: dragging road 2, $7.97; dragging road 4, $21.02; brushing and dragging road 7, $12.62; dragging road 9, $2.90; dragging road 13, $10.87; gravelling road 17, $83.25; J. D. Adams, shear point, 67 cents; Geo. Johnston, wire, 78 cents.

Dragging road 3, $11.69; dragging and ditching road 6, $29.75; dragging road 8, $5.80; ditching and dragging road 11, $23.37; dragging road 14, $13.77; erecting snow fence, $61; Roofers Supply Co., snow fence, $82.74; Roofers Supply Co., culvert, $21.60.

Uxbridge garage, gasoline and repairs re drag line purchase, $6.32; Mrs. E. Weller, bonus, 14 rods wire fence, $5.60; Edgar Rae, bonus wire fence, 55 rods, $22; James Peers, four concrete tiles, $6.40; County of Ontario, half repair bill, Black River bridge, $3.30; Dr. McPherson, one month's salary, $14.58; provincial treasurer, proportion insulin supplied indigents, $2.83.

Edward Taylor, one sheep killed by dogs, $12; Howard Kennedy, sheep valuation, $1; Harold Page, proportion of registered ram injured, $7.50; Harvey Shier, sheep valuation, $1; Town of Uxbridge, proportion cost of division court, $18.66; J. W. Rynard, grant toward Zephyr public library, $15.

The council adjourned to meet on Friday afternoon, Dec. 15, for the last meeting of the year, when all accounts are requested to be in.

AURORA LODGE OFFICERS WILL BE INSTALLED

On Tuesday a group of members of the Sons of England journeyed to Brampton to take part in the installation of the Brampton officers. Gordon French, one of the Aurora members, came home with a duck won in a lucky draw.

Smith and H. Rye, had prepared.

The C.G.I.T. were in charge of the music at the Sunday evening service at the United church.

Mrs. R. W. Fisher was guest speaker at the regular weekly meeting of the United church Y.P.U., held on Monday evening. The meeting was presided over by Lillian Marritt with Doris McGenerty as pianist. Mrs. Fisher's address was on "Missions at Home."

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Next Tuesday D. D. G. M. Fowler of Toronto and his officers will visit Aurora to install the officers of the local lodge. Reuben Long is the new president.

The officers are as follows: I.P.P. John Offord; vice-pres., Charles Fray; chaplain, Ross Quinn; treas., H. A. Eveleigh; sec., W. Coleman; physician, Dr. J. L. Urquhart; committee, Reg. Southwood, Gordon French, George Spence, Murray McLeod, W. Foster. I. G., M. Southwood; O. G., Joe Holman; auditors, F. Rowe, R. Hodgkinson; trustees, R. Rank, F. Bush.

AURORA CAR SMASHED BUT DRIVERS ESCAPE

On Saturday last a car driven by Tommy Drysdale of Aurora and another automobile driven by John Fawcett collided a mile and a quarter west of Aurora. Damage in the neighborhood of $250 was sustained by the Fawcett car, while Drysdale's automobile was damaged to the extent of $100.

Fortunately, the occupants of both cars miraculously escaped injury. County Constable Aubrey Fleury investigated the matter, but no information is available at this date as to whether or not any charges will be laid.

AURORA ELECT OFFICERS

On Tuesday evening the parochial guild of Trinity Anglican church met at the home of Miss Eva Lemon, Mosley St., to consider reports for the year and elect officers for 1940.

Officers elected were as follows: honorary president, Miss Eva Lemon; president, Mrs. D. Boyd; 1st vice-pres., Mrs. Wm. Boaks; 2nd vice-pres., Miss Anna Smith; secretary, Miss L. Bradbury; treasurer, Mrs. H. Eveleigh; Dorcas, Mrs. A. Hazen and Mrs. H. Richbell; publicity, Mrs. H. Proctor; chancel, Mrs. Wm. Boaks.

Joe Spillette has started making ice at the Newmarket arena. Cold weather will be a great boon to the ice-makers and the town's young people.



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PRAISES LATE JOHN SEATH AT COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Friday evening of last week saw Aurora high school auditorium jammed to capacity for the annual commencement exercises. The auditorium was decorated in the school colors, and Dr. G. W. Williams acted as chairman. Diplomas were presented to the following pupils: Betty Ball, George Billings, Sylvia Boyd, Ruth Clarke, George Davis, Annie Dunning, Mae Fry, Trevor Graham, Babette Hollingsworth, Betty Kerswill, Hazel McBride, Betty McCallum, Pauline McKenzie, Orley Morning, Marjorie Rose, Jean Ross, Douglas Seath, Jean Smith, Harry Spragg, Barton Teasdale, Marion Van Nostrand and Annie Walkington from the upper school.

Middle school graduates included: Lloyd Abernethy, Edith Bovair, Steve Case, Evelyn Courtney, Joan Dodson, Audrey Ellison, Harold Folliott, Howard Folliott, Theodore Heintzman, Arthur Hill, John Hughey, Margaret Hughey, Ewart Jennings, Christine Kirkwood, Douglas Kyle, Raymond Lloyd, Nancy Magee, Fred Pugsley, Ted Sheridan, Jean Umehara, John Walkington and Dudley Wilcox.

Miss Sylvia Boyd delivered a stirring valedictory address, recalling much school history and stressing the lessons inculcated by the staff of teachers.

Mrs. J. D. Wilcox, the only woman member of the board, presented academic awards to Form V, Sylvia Boyd and Orley Morning; Form IV, Jean Umehara and John Walkington; Form III, Dorothy Clark and Iona Cousins; Grade X, Raymond Cook, Elizabeth Hughey and Mary Wastyn; Grade IX, Mary Crichton and Barbara Walker.

Special awards went to Dudley Wilcox (character, leadership, scholarship and athletics); the J. G. McDonald entrance prize, John Crysdale; the J. H. Knowles prize, high prize at entrance for a rural candidate, David Myers.

The special speaker of the evening was Dr. W. S. Kirkland, one-time principal of Toronto Central Technical school, and now of the department of education.

"School teachers may grow old in body, but not in spirit," said Dr. Kirkland. "We are with youth day by day, and if we are to be successful must keep abreast of their changing ideas, which are but a reflection of the times." He congratulated the board on installing a modern workshop and home economics course.

"The aim of shop work is not to make artisans out of the pupils, but to provide practical vocational guidance. Let us all remember that labor is as dignified as a profession." One of the the upper school graduates was Douglas Seath, and Dr. Kirkland took time out to pay tribute to Seath's grandfather, the late John Seath, one-time superintendent of education in Ontario, whom he said laid the foundation for technical education in this province. "Athletics are as necessary a part of a well rounded education as any other side of the curriculum. We must not however stress this beyond its proper bounds."

Athletic winners receiving awards from Dr. Kirkland were: Dudley Wilcox and Barbara Grimes, senior boy and girl champion; William Griffith and Isobel Walkington, junior boy and girl champion; Owen Richards and Marie Hulme, middle school boy and girl champion. Elizabeth Wilcox was interschool field meet champion, besides breaking the running broad jump record. Other records were shattered by Dudley Wilcox, Raymond Lloyd, Howard Folliott, Bruce Davis, Grace Stone, Barbara Grimes, Owen Richards and Marie Hulme.

The one-act play, "New school for wives," was particularly well presented and brought gales of laughter as the comedy progressed. The cast included: Mae Fry, Elizabeth Wilcox, Barbara Gilbert, Dorothy Clark, Christine Kirkwood, Mary Griffith, Russell Rawlings and Raymond Cook.

An informal dance brought the evening to a close.

SUFFERS SEVERE CUTS AND BRUISES TO FINGERS

Catching the fingers of his right hand in a gasoline engine late last Wednesday afternoon, Herbert Patrick, well-known farmer of King township, suffered severe lacerations and painful bruises of the right hand. It is not expected any permanent injury has been sustained.

WAGE OF RURAL POSTIES TOO LOW SAYS SECRETARY OF LOCAL CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION

On Monday evening members of the York county branch of the rural mail carriers' association held their regular monthly business session in Aurora council chambers. In the absence of the president, C. E. Hunt, Vice-President Ernie Cummins of King township presided.

In conversation with The Era, secretary of the branch, E. W. Boulton of Markham, who is also vice-president of the dominion association, outlined the problems that the rural postles are faced with. "Our central organization is five years old today," said Mr. Boulton, "and during that whole period of time we have been earnestly striving to better conditions not only for our members but for all rural carriers. The biggest grievance we have is that the standard wage is too low, and general conditions are not equalized.

"In York county, the carrier averages about 25 miles per route, and the general wage is between $500 and $600, from which the carrier must pay all his own expenses. The net result is that the carrier has very little left for himself and in some cases nothing at all. Gasoline and all commodity prices have risen, yet our salaries remain the same. We realize the tremendous burden the war has added to government expenses, but we do feel our problem is one that calls for immediate attention."

"What are the possibilities of parliament assisting you?" queried The Era. "I believe they are fairly good, as there is a departmental committee studying our problems, and each year more members are becoming interested. W would like the contract system abolished, and a system of remuneration set-up whereby we would receive an average of $40 per mile of route per year and 3 to 5c a mile car allowance."

"How many carriers are there in York county?" we asked. "There are 54 carriers of which about 40 are members of our branch. One member, Mr. Whitelaw, of West Hill, has enlisted. We are keeping an honor roll. The majority of the present carriers are war veterans."

"Does the mail go through every day?" "Generally speaking 100 per cent, but of course there are days when the snow slows us up, or if as bad as last year prevents us entirely. The townships do not always co-operate with us in providing snow-fencing, and clearing away drifts. The farmers are getting speedier service today than any time previous."

"Christmas in the cities is generally a big harvest for the postie," we suggested. "Well very few of us get very much at Christmas. The people on our routes in the majority of cases are in about the same circumstances as ourselves. It's largely a question of custom I guess, and the customs of the city always spread to the country slowly."

'It would be a nice thing if all your deliveries would write to Ottawa suggesting a raise in salary for you all," we ventured. "Yes, that would be fine, but we can't suggest it. We want to win our case on its merits, and not by pressure," replied Mr. Boulton.

The branch will hold their next meeting at Aurora on Thursday, Jan. 11.

REPORT CORRECTED

In the report of an accident on Yonge St., in last week's Era, in which Richard Pugh was hurt, it was stated that Mr. Pugh suffered a broken arm and collarbone, and leg injuries. The Era has now been informed that his injuries were a sprained wrist and bruises. The Era was also told that he was not knocked down, as stated last week.

PURE-BRED HERD BRINGS HIGH PRICES

One of the largest and most select sales of cattle ever held in York county took place at Lin-Mac farms, the property of L. W. McClennan, Yonge St. south, on Saturday.

Some 52 pure-bred Ayrshires of the finest breeding lines were disposed of at exceedingly favorable prices. Fresh cows brought as high as $225, while day-old calves sold for $35. Prominent among the purchases were a group of 12 cattle which went to New York state. Elton Armstrong of Armitage also purchased ten of the herd. Buyers were present from all parts of Ontario and New York state and other purchases went to such centres as Acton, Brampton, Bolton, Hawkestone, Guelph, Aylmer, etc. L. E. Franklin, well-known cattle auctioneer of Toronto, handled the sale.

Mr. McClennan has not gone out of the cattle business but is rearranging and re-building his herd on a somewhat smaller scale.

"I believe that the farmers of Ontario must adjust themselves to meet war conditions," said Mr. McClennan. "We must produce what will best be of use to the country during the next few years. Cattle-breeding has its place but there are other fields which will be more useful, and incidentally more profitable to the farmer. We must all play our part in winning the war, and the farmer is the backbone of the allied efforts."

BREAKS THUMB

Douglas Cameron of Centre St. slipped down the stairway at the Aurora high school last Monday and suffered a broken left thumb.

District news and Christmas messages from enterprising Aurora merchants appear on the next page.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Bruce Browning, R.C.A.S.C., spent Saturday in town.

Mrs. J. Noble and Miss Eleanor Noble, R.N., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John Bowser.

Miss Mary Raw of Hamilton visited Mr. and Mrs. George Duffield, Temperance St., Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. J. Maidens was in Toronto over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fingold and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. Pullman of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fingold of Mount Forest spent Sunday together in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sawdon of Toronto were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Cole, Centre St., last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Wylie of Stroud and Mr. and Mrs. George Elliott of Toronto spent Sunday with Mrs. Effie Elliott, Wellington St.

Miss Margaret Webster of McDonald Hall, O.A.C., Guelph, spent the weekend at her home on Yonge St. north.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern. Lundy of Toronto spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carberry, Wellington St.

Miss Marie Wilton, of Whitby, formerly of the local high school staff, was in town last Friday for the commencement at the high school.

Miss Marion Thompson, of the Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Thompson. House guests included two school chums, Miss Valencia Farewell and Miss Janet Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dean of Pentanguishene spent Sunday with Mrs. Dean's mother, Mrs. Mary McCluskey, Yonge St. north.

Mrs. C. G. Southmayd and Miss Grace Southmayd of Toronto were guests of Mrs. H. J. Charles on Tuesday.

Mr. Douglas Ferguson spent the weekend with relatives in Toronto.

Mrs. A. Grieves spent a few days this week with her daughter, Mrs. George Hacking, in Toronto.

Mr. A. Higgins left on Sunday to visit his father who is seriously ill in the United States.

Miss Hilda Grimes was visiting in town over the weekend.

Mr. W. H. Taylor spent a few days in Toronto this week.

WONDER IF HALL WILL HOLD ALL

The date of municipal nominations remains the same, but the place has been changed from the Mechanics hall to Trinity church parish hall on Friday, Dec. 22.

Through some error, somehow, somewhere, the council at its last meeting designated the Mechanics hall as the meeting-place, when already the Aurora vterans had advertised the Mechanics hall for the scene of their annual Christmas frolic and draw. Consequently, when it was learned the dates coincided, a last-minute change was necessitated.

This will be the first time in years beyond recall when the local town fathers have met other than in the Mechanics hall. In view of the apparent interest already manifested by the electors, some doubt may be held as to whether or not the Anglican parish hall will be big enough to accommodate the electors.

IS IMPROVING AFTER SERIOUS ILLNESS

Townspeople will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Carl Mabley of Toronto, formerly Phyllis Starkey of Aurora, who has been seriously ill in the Women's College hospital, Toronto, for the past two weeks, with a streptococcus infection, is greatly improved, and her condition is now thought to be favorable.

QUEEN MARY L.O.B.A. INSTALLS NEW HEADS

On Wednesday evening, with grand lodge officers in attendance, the newly elected officers of Queen Mary L.O.B.A. were installed with appropriate ceremonies. Owing to illness, the new worshipful mistress, Sister H. Higgins, was unable to be present.

Officers for the next year are: I. P. M. Sis. M. Hodgkinson; P. M. worshipful mistress, Sis. H. Higgins; dep. mistress, Sis. M. Closs; Jr. D. M., Sis. A. Brown; chaplain, Sis. A. Bice; rec. sec., Sis. A. Stuart, P. M.; fin. sec., Sis. L. Fleury; treas., Sis. M. Waite; 1st lecturer, Sis. E. Teachman; dep. lecturer, Sis. H. McGhee, P. M.

Director of ceremonies, Sis. L. Long, P. M.; Inner Guard, Sis. E. Daniels, P. M.; O. G., Sis. S. Cesford, P.M.; 2nd comm., Sis. L. Mitchell, P.M.; 3rd comm., Sis. H. Maaten; 4th comm., Sis. R. Ireland; 5th comm., Sis. G. Travlss; guardian, Sis. A. Closs, P. M.; auditors, Sis. A. Druery, Sis. O. Closs, P.M., Sis. H. Maaten; pianist, Sis. R. Ireland; sick committee, Sis. E. Taylor, P. M., Sis. R. Prior, Sis. M. Seaton, P. M., Sis. L. Fleury.

VISITOR TELLS OF B. C. CONFERENCE

Trinity church A. Y. P. A. were visited on Monday evening by several Oak Ridges (St. John's) branch members, who included Mr. and Mrs. William Whitten, Miss G. Whitten and Mrs. J. Wood. The visitors provided the lead for a general discussion of missions. Mrs. Whitten gave a report of her trip to Vancouver, where she attended the dominion conference of the A.Y.P.A.

DOWN THE CENTRE

Newmarket is grouped in C with Richmond Hill, Markham and Beaverton. On pre-season dope Markham should win, but the Redmen should have little difficulty making the play-offs. Richmond Hill were soundly trounced by Kingsway, but they will be especially dangerous on their own rink. Beaverton are dark horses, but we doubt if they will be any better than the Hill boys.

THE GROUPINGS

Sutton is lined-up with Lakefield, Lindsay and Oakwood, and may find the going tough this year unless they have some unknown playing strength available. Newmarket players will be eligible to play with them and this might solve their problem.

GREY CLOUDS AHEAD

Tomorrow night the locals journey to Owen Sound to take on the famed Greys in a pre-season tilt. It will be asking a little too much of the boys to expect a win at this stage. There is a long trip ahead, strange ice and a team of speedsters who are already in mid-season form ready to greet them. Nevertheless, we expect they will give a good account of themselves, and since Waterloo eked out a one-goal win over the Sounders in the latter's new rink, it should prove an interesting struggle, and on the dope the two teams are close. The Greys will play a return match later in the season and should draw a packed house here. It is a tribute to the team's ability that they should be included in the Greys' schedule.

ON THE REBOUND

Sammy Fingold, who lives in Mount Forest, is headman of the local badminton loop, and during the summer months found time to play soccer with Fergus, one of the finest teams in Ontario. He also sponsored the town softball entry, who were called the "Roxies." **Ira Hughey** is one of the honorary presidents of the Brampton hockey team. Hughey was behind all sports when located here. He is one of the most popular gents in the Peel county centre. **Howard Morton** is all smiles these days and is passing out the cigars — it's a new baby girl in the Morton household. St. Michael's College have been booked for a pre-season game on local ice, and will come to Aurora as soon as ice is available. The gaels are coached by Eddie Powers this season.

AT THE WATERLOO GAME

Waterloo Siskins, following Saturday's win, will now meet Brantford Lions in home and home games for the S. P. A. B title. Both teams are in the same group and there is real intertown rivalry afoot when these two teams meet. We'll string along with Brantford! Last year Waterloo reached the S. P. A. finals but lost out to Barrie Colts. Jack Withrow was on hand to root for the Aurorans. He appears very smart in his new R.C.A.S.C. uniform. **Tommy Thompson,** coach of Barrie, was there and told us he thought Aurora could beat the Siskins if they played man for man hockey and didn't run into penalties. The Siskins are great opportunists when they have the odd man advantage.

Carson Cooper, one-time N.H.L. star and now scout for Detroit Redwings, was watching all four teams with an eagle eye. He told Coach Pringle that Aurora had the makings of a really good team, but thought the boys were a wee bit light for B company. **Jack Curtis and Frank Michaniuk** were both handicapped on Saturday. Jack, who literally skated himself into the ice, worked all Friday night. "Mich" had a bad head cold, which gave him the miseries.

Houston is one official who seems to be a jinx for Aurora, as fans who saw the famous Orangeville series, and Saturday's game can testify, somehow or other the breaks that are important go the other way. We know it's not intentional by any means, and it's not sour grapes on our part, but that's the way it's worked out to date. Incidentally he's not on the official list of referees for group No. 5. **Ted Gregory,** publisher of the Etobicoke weekly, and the backer of the Kingsway club, is the local group convenor and following the game played host to the visiting officials after the schedule was drawn.

A colored hockey coach? Yes, sir! Believe it or not, "Pinkey" Lewis, who handles the Owen Sound Greys, is a colored gentleman (and we mean gentleman in the best sense of the word), and was once a pullman porter. "Pinkey" has been in hockey for years and at one time was trainer of Saskatoon, when George Hainesworth played goal for the westerners. He comes from Hamilton and is a real credit to the game, and well regarded by the Sound fans and officials. We don't believe there's another case like this in hockey, in fact the only two colored boys we remember being associated with Canada's winter sport are Ossie and Herb. Carnegie, both of whom were real stars in junior. Alfie Pearce, the grand old man of Queen's many great football teams, played hockey in his youth, we believe, and was, of course, trainer for many years, both in hockey and rugby. Perhaps some of the fans may be able to add to the above named dark-cloud sportsmen.

Joe McGhee only had seven goals scored on him in four games, and his work this year has been one of the brightest spots in the team's good play. This is his last year in junior company and we think he's really going to have the best season of his career. The redhead has more than answered those local followers of the team who had the old hammer out ready to knock. **Harry Pearce** was nearly in tears after he drew that fatal first period penalty. The little dark-haired speedster has only had two penalties in over two years and Saturday's was an accident which Houston might well have passed over.

Grant Cook is one boy we thought Coach Pringle might have used to advantage both in the Waterloo and Barrie games. Cook is too good to warm the bench and before the season is

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MRS. THOS. GRIMSHAW IS HONORED BY W. M. S., HAS SERVED AS OFFICER FOR 25 YEARS

Last week the Women's Missionary Society of Aurora United church held their annual meeting and one of the pleasing features of the afternoon was a presentation of a purse containing a new silver dollar to Mrs. Thomas Grimshaw, of Mosley St., who has been a member of the society for over a quarter of a century. Mrs. T. A. Hamer made the presentation.

In 1914 Mrs. Grimshaw became corresponding secretary, which office she held until 1920, when she was elected president. She served as president for four years, following which she became treasurer, which office she still holds as she commences her 16th term as keeper of the funds.

The past year has been most successful and over $500 has been raised for missionary purposes. Mrs. Lambert Willson was soloist. Dr. E. J. Thompson presided over the election of officers, which resulted as follows: honorary presidents, Mrs. Henry Harper, Mrs. D. Rogers and Mrs. E. J. Thompson; president, Mrs. Roy De la Haye; 1st vice-pres., Mrs. James Underhill; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. G. R. Ardill; 3rd vice-pres., Mrs. P. M. Thompson; secretary, Miss B. Charles; treasurer, Mrs. T. Grimshaw; corr. sec., Mrs. Henry Bain; fin. sec., Mrs. A. M. Clarke; temperance, Mrs. S. Stephens; supply, Mrs. J. Elliott; friendship, Mrs. H. J. Charles; mission band, Mrs. Hugh Bowman; baby band, Mrs. M. W. Dunning and Mrs. J. Barnard; program, Mrs. J. Underhill; pianist, Mrs. Wm. Powell; press, Mrs. M. L. Andrews; assoc., Mrs. C. E. Lundy; Missionary Monthly, Miss L. Love.

Mrs. Roy De la Haye was re-elected president for the fourth consecutive year. The program was in the charge of Mrs. J. H. Knowles and a pageant of the 1938 Madras conference was skilfully given.

ATTENDS DANCE IN HONOR OF SOLDIERS

Mrs. William Trent, Machell Ave., whose husband is a member of the 12th Highlanders, attended the dance and entertainment in honor of the regiment held in Maple Leaf Gardens on Monday evening.

MEDALS ARE PRESENTED TO BOYS' BAND

Aurora boys' band were formally presented with medals from the town of Aurora on Wednesday evening in the Mechanics hall by Mayor J. M. Walton. Thirty-nine members of the band were given awards, while Robert Moore, the bandmaster, was given a special gold medal. These medals were in recognition of their work at the C.N.E.

Dr. G. W. Williams presided over the large gathering and all enjoyed the varied program provided. P. M. Thompson outlined the history of the band, and Dr. C. R. Boulding and Prof. C. H. Thiele of Waterloo also spoke and paid tribute to the band's achievements.

ROYAL BLACK PRECEPTORY WILL MEET TONIGHT

This evening the annual election and installation of the Aurora chapter of the Royal Black Preceptory will be held in the Orange hall. The retiring preceptor is Fred Morris.

Installation will be made by Wor. Sir Kt. John Hudson and his county officers. Sir Kt. Hudson is a past preceptor of the local lodge. Last week Sir Kt. Hudson presided over the installation of the officers of the Temple R. B. P. 202 in Toronto last week.

WILL BE SPEAKER

It is expected that John F. Clark, lecturer in horticulture, will be present at the annual meeting of the Aurora Horticulturnl society and the suggested date is Jan. 9.

FIREMEN SUPPORT COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The service rendered the citizens of Aurora by the Aurora fire brigade is exceeded by only one thing and that is the generosity and bigheartedness of the firefighters.

Last week the brigade ran their usual Thursday evening entertainment in aid of the hockey club, and a nice contribution was forthcoming to aid this year's B team. On Monday, Fire Chief Rowe told The Era that two local organizations would benefit through the brigade's activities.

"We are contributing $10 of our funds to the red shield fund of the Salvation Army, and are also sending $15 to the Aurora branch of the Red Cross," said Mr. Rowe. "We are glad to be able to do this. We don't make a lot of money at our social evenings, but we are prepared to share our proceeds for what we consider are worthwhile organizations to this community."

This evening the brigade is holding a gala night of entertainment. It will be "fowl night," and the biggest crowd of the season will likely be in attendance.

HIT BY BICYCLIST, SUFFERS CONCUSSION

Last Thursday afternoon, while on his way to the Aurora post office, near suppertime, Jess. Banbury, Wellington St., was knocked off the sidewalk onto the road at Wellington and Yonge Sts., by a local youth who was proceeding north on a bicycle. Mr. Banbury suffered scalp lacerations and concussion of the brain and has been confined to his bed for the past week. His condition is regarded as favorable.

TORONTO GROUP PROVIDE PROGRAM

The men's class of Aurora Baptist church were visited on Friday by some 25 members of the Men's Brotherhood of Century Baptist church, Toronto, under the leadership of Rev. J. M. Haxon and Floyd Reynolds, ex-Aurora boy, and now one of the deacons at Century church. Last month the Aurora class spent a social evening with the Century brotherhood.

President Alan Billings and the class leader, Charles Dodson, welcomed the Centurians and turned over the meeting to the Toronto group, who provided an especially fine program. A soloist and a four-piece orchestra delighted the large gathering, while Mr. Haxon gave an inspiring address on "Time for God — Time for Others — Time for Yourself." Refreshments were served by the local class.

On Sunday evening the evening service at the church was under the direction of the same group, and was the occasion for a father and son service. Charles Dodson led the service, while the pastor, Rev. A. R. Park, based his sermon on Abraham's sacrifice for his son, Isaac. An all men's choir sang "Christ receiveth sinful man," and "Wonderful Saviour." A quartet composed of A. Billings, J. Stephenson, W. McGhee and George Pattenden rendered "Wonderful Peace," while the McGhee brothers, Alan and Tommy, sang "The City Four Square."

MRS. E. SEAGAR DIES, WAS CHURCH WORKER

Following a lengthy illness, Edith Elizabeth Seagar, widow of the late Edwin Seagar, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Peter Fobert, Kennedy St., Aurora. She was born at Shanty Bay, Ont., in 1863, and was the daughter of the late William Clarkson, one of the pioneers of Simcoe county. Mrs. Seagar's husband predeceased her in 1906. He was for many years one of the outstanding members of the bar of Ontario and is remembered for his manual on division court practice, still a leading reference work among members of the legal profession.

Mrs. Seagar was prominent in church work and was a member of the Baptist church. Five years ago she was seriously injured in an automobile accident.

The funeral service was conducted by Dr. E. J. Thompson and interment was in Aurora cemetery.

She leaves surviving her two sons, Charles E. Seagar of Hamilton, and Reginald F. Seagar of Buffalo, N.Y., and two daughters, Mrs. J. G. Robertson of Goderich and Mrs. P. R. Fobert of Aurora.

DISCUSS CHRISTIAN'S ATTITUDE TO WAR

The last weekly meeting of the Aurora Baptist Young People's Union took the form of a white gift service, when the 44 members present made contributions of silver.

The meeting room was appropriately decorated in Christmas colors, and during the offertory Christmas carols were sung softly. The meeting was under the direction of the stewardship committee. The discussion period was led by Mrs. J. Stephenson and Mrs. G. Stephenson, and dealt with "A Christian's Attitude Toward a War." Two duets and a quartet provided appropriate music.

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Young Ice Napoleons Meet Waterloo, Are Beaten 3-1

AURUORANS PUT OUT OF S.P.A. SERIES, LOSE TO WATERLOO SISKINS

Waterloo! The local Junior B hockey sextet met it and them, last Saturday afternoon in the semi-final round of the current S.P.A. series at Maple Leaf gardens.

While beaten our boys were not disgraced, travelling further than any other Aurora team in S.P.A. history, and being the only natural ice team to reach the semi finals this season. The score was 3-1.

Coach George Hainsworth's Siskins were a husky, experienced crew of speed merchants, who have plenty of hockey this year, and lots of practice. They played a style of hockey unlike any other likely to be encountered this year. The team is continually on a ganging act and with sensational net-minding to back them up, plus lots of speed, are especially dangerous when they have the man advantage.

Waterloo set a fast pace from the start, but McGhee held them out and soon Pringle's pets were matching strides with their rivals. At the nine-minute mark, Cummings led his line on a sniping sortie that beat the Siskins' defence, and Lowe flipped over the rubber to Jimmy, who made no mistake. A few minutes later Michaniuk missed what might have been the pay-off goal of the day, when, after he and Cummings had beaten the defence, he shot into Hainsworth's pads instead of passing to the uncovered Cummings.

With three minutes to go George Scott drew a penalty when he retaliated on some high sticking, and Waterloo now put on the pressure. Pearce at the 18 minute mark drew a second penalty for holding, and playing five men to three, Malkhese of the Siskins found the mark when he came in from the safety spot to take a pass at the blue line and rifle one home.

Play was very even in the second period until Gord. Brennan drew a needless penalty for charging, and Martin scored for the kraut boys with a shot McGhee could not see. Aurora now went on the attack with a vengeance, and Long broke away from the Aurora mass attack to slip one over to Martin after Brennan had taken him out of the play. Donkin made the prettiest play of the game when he tricked the whole Waterloo squad, only to be strafed by the net-minder.

Under instructions from Hainsworth, Siskins made Aurora carry the play to them, and while the locals had an edge in this period and skated miles and miles to sheer exhaustion on end, they couldn't click for a goal.

On the day's play Waterloo were the best team, but for Hainsworth it might have been a different story. Penalties of course really put Aurora on the spot and there is consequently no use guessing what might have happened. Donkin, Curtis, McGhee and Cummings were the only Aurorans to flash their real form. Hainsworth, who won praise from the Toronto sports writers, Malkhese and Coty were the big guns for the Siskins.

Waterloo: goal, Hainsworth; defence, Martin and Malkhese; centre, Long; wings, Weyman and Schole, subs., L. Bauer, R. Bauer, Coty, Schnarr, W. Bauer, Cressman, Volte, Dunbrook.

Aurora: goal, McGhee; defence, Brennan and Curtis; centre, Cummings; wings, Lowe and Michaniuk, subs, McComb, Donkin, Pearce, Scott, Fanning, Johnston, Murray, Pugh, Cook.

Referee: D. A. Houston, Toronto.

CAFE SOLD

Another Chinese business on Yonge St. has changed hands. Close upon the announcement that Dan's cafe had acquired a new owner came the news that Chong Wong, the proprietor of the Coronet cafe, had sold his business to Lee Wong of Cooksville. The new restaurant-keeper will take over the premises early next week.

Clever Chinese Family Will Come To Aurora, Buy Dan's Cafe

Main street faces change even in a small town, and when someone moves elsewhere another moves in. This week saw Harry Dan, for over ten years one of the town's main preparers of fine foods, dispose of his business, and prepare to return to his war-torn mother country, China. Harry has been in Canada over 30 years and has had a wide and varied experience in restaurants throughout Ontario. He leaves this week for Toronto, and in the spring returns to China.

The new proprietor of the business is Lee King, who comes to Aurora with his wife and seven children from Burlington. He has been in Canada for 36 years and formerly ran the "Star Cafe" in Chatham, and the "Peace" cafe on College St., Toronto.

There are four girls and three boys in the King family. The eldest child of the family, Miss Geraldine King, is in attendance at McMaster University, where she was awarded the first Albert Mathews scholarship in English and history. Elizabeth, Lily, George and Peter, who all have clever academic records, will attend the local high school, while the two youngest of the family, Etta and John, will be on Principal John G. McDonald's roll shortly.

SANTA'S CONCERT IS HAPPY EVENT

On Tuesday evening Santa Claus visited St. Andrew's Presbyterian church annual Christmas concert and was lustily greeted by the Sabbath school scholars and their guests. John G. McDonald was chairman of the festivity and a varied program was provided. David Ferguson and Jean Patterson gave violin solos. May White and Vera Barkey sang a duet.

Under the direction of Mrs. M. Rank and Mrs. J. Thomson, a group of players, assisted by the church choir, who sang Christmas carols, presented "The three joys of Mary." The cast included: Anna Leggitt, Norma Mathews, Cordene Mapes, Venatta Maaten, Helen Spragg, Mrs. J. Bond, Vera Barkey, Bill Gilkes, Howard Anderson, Bill Summers, Greg. Rogers, Leona Maaten, Nellie McGhee, Josephine Maaten, Myrtle McGhee, Walter Davis, Wm. McGhee and Jean Ransom.

The primary school children, under the supervision of Mrs. D. Barkey, gave "Mother Goose's Children."

VETERAN IS ILL

Frank Grainger, Mark St., suffered a partial paralytic stroke while at his residence on Monday. Physicians hope for a complete recovery. Mr. Grainger is a prominent member of the Aurora war veteran's association.

Additional Aurora news will be found on Pages 4 and 8.

RETURN FOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Ex-Reeve J. A. Knowles of Toronto attended the high school commencement exercises on Friday evening.

Among the ex-pupils of Aurora high school now attending the University of Toronto who returned to their alma mater for commencement exercises on Friday were: Alan Richardson, Jack Skinner, Robert Willis and Vivian Wilcox. Noticed in His Majesty's uniform were Lance-corporal Ted Heintzman of the Queen's Rangers' Regiment, Pte. Dale King of the Toronto Scottish regiment and Douglas Seath of the R.C.A.F. training school at Galt.

District news and Christmas messages from enterprising Aurora merchants appear on the next page.

CALENDAR

Aurora High School Alumni Association are holding their annual dance in the high school auditorium on Friday, Dec. 29.

The Yorkdale Co-operative Women's Guild will hold open house on Saturday, Dec. 18, at the store premises. Tea will be served from 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend free of charge.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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KETTLEBY

SCHOOLS WILL HOLD XMAS CONCERT DEC. 21

Next Sunday a white gift service will be observed at the Sabbath-school and also at the evening service in the United church.

About 20 girls attended the meeting of the C.G.I.T. held at Miss Eunice Murray's home, under the leadership of Mrs. W. J. Burton.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: pres., Ethel Rae; vice-pres., Jean Curtis; treas., Dorothy Prentice; sec., Betty Prentice; organist, Doris Geer; devotional, Beatrice Williams and Jean Archibald.

The three school sections of this district, Nos. 6, 11, 12, will hold a combined Christmas concert on Thursday night, Dec. 21, in the parish hall. A good program is expected and Santa Claus will be on hand at the close.

The special prayer services that were held in the Baptist church every night last week except Saturday, were well attended. Rev. Mr. Park of Aurora gave inspiring gospel messages. Rev. J. Galloway also ably assisted and the singing was most thoroughly enjoyed.

Mrs. Ella Brodie has been staying with her sister, Mrs. Ed. Lloyd, in Newmarket for several days.

Mrs. Ray Marshall and daughter, Rema, are visiting Mrs. Marshall's mother, Mrs. Stevenson, and her brother, Dr. Keith Stevenson, of Mitchell, for a week.

Miss Emily Irons has been on the sick list but friends are glad she is improving.

Miss Muriel Smith has returned after spending several weeks with her parents in Englehart.

Miss Vera Geer, nurse-in-training at Toronto General hospital, has been visiting relatives in this vicinity during the past week.

The death occurred of Mrs. Chas. Sheard in York county hospital on Wednesday, Nov. 29. The funeral service was held from Thompson's funeral parlors in Aurora.

Interment took place in Kettleby cemetery. Mrs. Sheard leaves her husband to mourn her loss.

A number of people from here attended the funeral of the late A. MacMurchy at Strange on Saturday.

Era printers take pride in their workmanship.

Pottageville

The Y. P. U. held its usual meeting last Wednesday. The scripture lesson was read by Mrs. J. P. Houghton. The topic, "The evils of gambling," was given by Ed. Houghton. Games were played, ending the enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lawrence and daughter, Alice, and friend, Mr. Abraham Ault, of Toronto, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. T. Williams recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rose celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary last week. Lovely gifts of linen and silver were presented to them. All spent a pleasant evening, after which supper was served.

Mr. William Butler was visiting in the city last Thursday.

Vandorf

Wesley church Sunday-school Christmas tree and concert will be held at the church on Tuesday evening, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m.

The public school concert and Christmas tree will be at Vandorf hall, Thursday evening, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m.

Miss Mary Willis of Weston spent the weekend at her home here. Miss Audrey Switzer was in Toronto for the weekend.

EVERSLEY

FATHER WAS GARDENER TO PRINCESS LOUISE

Mrs. Carmichael of Swastika, near Kirkland Lake, is paying a short visit to friends here, staying over the weekend with Miss Fisher.

Mrs. Carmichael and her brother, David Jenkins, of Toronto, attended the funeral of the late "Sandy" MacMurchy on Saturday.

The community was shocked at the sudden death on Thursday of Alexander MacMurchy, known affectionately as "Sandy." Mr. MacMurchy is widely known for his many years of service as reeve of King, and as warden of the county, and for his interest in all good things.

Mr. MacMurchy will be greatly missed in Strange church and in the community.

The funeral service on Saturday was largely attended. Rev. M. E. Burch preached from the text Deut. 24: 7, "His eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated."

Mrs. Howard Neill, who has been living in the home of her late grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ferguson, has moved with her husband and son, Beverley, to the Charles Neill farm, below Eversley school. Howard Neill is employed there with his father, with Mrs. Neill going back and forth helping out.

Eversley Young People met at the home of Miss Ethel Ferguson on Monday night with the president, Marie Ball, in the chair. Edith Bovair was convenor for the program. Lloyd Thompson read the scripture. Annie Ferguson led in prayer.

Readings were given by June Mesley, Edith Bovair and Jessie Gellatly, and a Bible talk on David and his chief men by Miss A. A. Ferguson.

The W. A. held its meeting at the home of Mrs. A. B. Wells.

At the morning service held in Eversley church on Sunday, Mr. Rolling, superintendent of the Sunday-school, presented diplomas for memory work to Ross Bovair, Fred Ball, Norman Wade and Catherine and Violet McKie.

Book prizes for attendance were given to the three boys and a goodly number of books and diplomas remained to be distributed, as so many of the children were absent on account of the rain.

Rev. Mr. Burch presented two books for church attendance to Merton Wells and Ross Bovair.

In reference to the death of H. R. H. the Princess Louise, Geo. Mundrell, who formerly lived in "The Pines" cottage, told the writer that his father was gardener to the princess. This royal lady walked around the grounds accompanied by a lady-in-waiting, and entered the cottages of her employees without announcement.

During the late war she walked into the home of the gardener. A son, Jim, who was in the army, was home stretched out on the couch with his tunic open.

His mother said "Jim, the princess." Jim sprang to attention and saluted, blushingly fastening his tunic. But the princess set him at ease, and told him how proud she was to have the young men from the estate at the front.

The Princess Louise was ever a gracious lady, as those who met her when she was the Marchioness of Lorne and first lady of Canada will testify.

KING CITY

ROSS FOLLIOTT IS Y. P. U. PRESIDENT

The Y.P.U. held its annual election of officers on Thursday, with the following being elected: hon. pres., Rev. D. Davis; past pres., Muriel Thorpe; pres., Ross Folliott; sec., Mabel Hall; asst. sec., Marion Dennison; treas., Arleane Clift; Christian fellowship, Alfred Barker and Norman Payne; Christian missions, Marion Dennison and Reeva Cambrill; Christian citizenship, Jack Clift and John Dew; Christian culture, Doris Payne and Everett Wiltshire; recreation, Austin Rumble and Harold Folliott; pianist, Beth McDonald; and editor and publications, Mrs. Ward, Floral Davis and Muriel Thorpe.

Following the election, a worship service was conducted by the fellowship convenor, during which Alfred Barker sang "His Eye is on the Sparrow."

The Women's Institute met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. James Patton. The roll call was "Christmas gift suggestions." The topic, "Christmas customs," was taken by Miss Elizabeth McClure. Mrs. Aubrey Gordon led a sing-song. The hostesses were Miss Annie McBride, Mrs. D. Rawlings and Mrs. E. M. Legge.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Thorpe, Kenny, Joan, Lorrine and Mrs. Skinner spent Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Thorpe.

Laskay held its annual Y.P.U. election of officers on Thursday. Those elected were: hon. pres., Rev. D. Davis; past pres., Lawrence Scott; pres., Marshall McMurchy; sec., Edith Glass; asst. sec., Aubrey Glass; treas., Jesse Bryson; asst. treas., Ray Glass; Christian fellowship, Ruth Finch; Christian missions, Helen Hunter; Christian citizenship, Geoffrey Whittle; Christian culture, Ruth Baldwin; recreation, Marvin Hunter; pianist, Marjorie McMurchy; editor and publications, Lorne Scott and Bill Kerr.

The assistants will be elected at the first executive meeting in the new year.

PLAN SHORT COURSES FOR RURAL YOUTH

A very encouraging turn-out of young people from the Schomberg district attended a meeting in the market hall, Schomberg, last Friday night to hear an outline of the short course classes which are to be held there during the month of January. These courses are being sponsored by the Schomberg Agricultural Society, with the co-operation of the Women's Institute and the councils of the adjacent municipalities for the benefit of the young ladies and men of the rural communities within driving distance of Schomberg.

Kenneth Holmes, president of the agricultural society, presided. W. M. Cockburn, agricultural representative for York county, with the use of slides, discussed the various phases of agriculture to be taken up, livestock feeding and management, field crops, weeds, soils, fruit, poultry, co-operation, dairying, plant diseases and insect pests, farm conveniences, farm accounting and practical work, when the boys will do rope splicing, belt lacing, poultry killing and judge livestock and seeds. The girls' course in home economics will be in two divisions. Half of each day will be devoted to foods, cookery and household management, while the rest of the day will be taken up in clothing and sewing work, when each girl will make a garment for herself.

The classes are held on Mondays to Fridays from 9.30 to 4 o'clock and a nominal registration fee of 50 cents is charged to cover class expenses. Arrangements have been made to hold the boys' classes in the kitchen of the market hall and the girls in the basement of the Presbyterian church.

The directors of the agricultural society appreciate the co-operation being received from the Women's Institute, rural school teachers, councillors and others. They urge that anyone interested get in touch with their secretary, Dr. A. H. MacLeod, or W. M. Cockburn, Newmarket, who will be in charge, assisted by Donald Bell of Barrie.

Snowball

The Snowball euchre club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Badger on the evening of Dec. 1. A very enjoyable evening was spent. The prize winners were as follows: ladies' first, Mrs. Calvin Mitchell; ladies' consolation, Mrs. Wm. Ash; ladies' travelling, Mrs. Thompson; gentlemen's first, A. Badger; gentlemen's consolation, Wm. Ash; gentlemen's travelling, Henry Trent.

The next meeting of the euchre club will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Morning this Friday evening.

The W.A. and W.M.S. will hold their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. N. Teasdale next Wednesday afternoon.

A bazaar under the auspices of the Snowball United church was held at the home of Mrs. A. Storey last Thursday afternoon.

The beef ring association of this locality are having a progressive euchre and dance at Middlebrook's, Armitage, on Monday evening, Dec. 11.

Herb. Patrick had the misfortune to hurt his hand last Tuesday and has been unable to drive his truck.

Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair of Humber Bay were dinner guests at Mr. and Mrs. James McMurrin's on Sunday.

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The Common Round

EXPECTATION

By Isabel Inglis Colville

One of my earliest memories, and, I fancy, of yours, was the beautiful sensation of expectancy which took possession of us from about the middle of November until it reached fulfilment on Christmas Day.

There was the letter to Santa Claus, laboriously composed and scratchily written, then given into father's care to be consigned to the post office.

There was the coming home from school to find the house full of delicious odors—Christmas smells, also, in my own case, the demanding that SOMETHING—cake or pudding—be left for Saturday making, for who hasn't knelt on a chair and scraped the big bowl in which the delectable confections were compounded?

Then when evening came—not one evening, but all the evenings till the blessed day came, mother would sit before the fire, and cuddled on her knees, with small stockinged feet stretched toward the leaping flames, I would demand, "Now say 'The Night Before Christmas,' and 'There were Shepherds.'"

Many waters have flowed over the dam since then, but still, as Christmas Eve draws toward the holy hour, these same pictures on the Christmas tapestry are woven in ever-brightening colors.

We feel we need no apology for using "'Twas the night before Christmas," for what is Santa Claus but the spirit of joy and gladness, which is our heritage from the manger in Bethlehem?

Our sense of expectation as Christmas draws near is a modern reflection of the sense of expectancy which held the world before the first Christmas. All Israel, lying restlessly and rebelliously beneath the power of Rome, waited for a Saviour, a Messiah, who would release them from their bondage and rule with a magnificence greater than the Caesars.

They did not, could not, believe that a baby born in a manger could change the whole world; that down the ages every good thing we have would be a branch from the tree of Christianity. And I think it is the same yet. We still look forward expectantly to Christmas. I do not mean in the material sense, human love takes care of that. I mean the feeling we have that again some heavenly manifestation will greet the birthday of the child of Bethlehem.

That some miracle will remake the world—nearer to our heart's desire, never realizing that it is ourselves who make such a miracle impossible.

We strain our ears to hear the angels "their great, glad tidings tell," but often forget it is only "where meek hearts will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in."

Perhaps if we could tune our hearts more nearly to peace on earth, good will to men—miracles WOULD HAPPEN.

CEDAR VALLEY

ROOF IS ON FIRE BUT HOUSE SAVED

The neighbors' good work saved Jesse Lundy's house, when sparks from the chimney set the roof on fire last Thursday evening.

Everyone is asked to come to hear the songs from the Wizard of Oz and see Dorothy and her dog, Toto, with their companions, the scarecrow, the tin man and the cowardly lion, given by the pupils of Pine Orchard school at the community hall on Thursday evening, Dec. 21, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Harold Pyle and Mr. Kenneth Hale left for Port Sydney this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brammer and Lorene are spending two weeks in Newmarket.

DOWN THE CENTRE

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over he'll make them all step. **Strongman vs. Burlington** ended in the Brantford boy taking the decision after the first period. Burlington faded as the game went on while the Lions' pivot player had the Greys worried all day. He is very nifty on the attack and the Lions have their play so arranged that he doesn't bother about defensive hockey. In fact, he seldom did any backchecking on Saturday, but was ready to swoop down on the Greys from a flying start. **Reise,** the big Brantford wingman, comes from Grimsby and is a relative of old Leo Reise, one of the old-time pro headliners.

Aurora scored a total of 18 goals in four games, divided as follows: for scoring points, counting assists, Donkin 5, Cummings 4, Lowe, 4, Michaniuk 3, Curtis 2, Pearce 2, Brennan 2, McComb 2. Donkin was tops in goals scored with 4, while Lowe led in assists with 4. **Waterloo** had three Bauers on their line-up, all related and of the famous Bauer hockey clan which includes "Lefty" Bauer of the Kraut line from Boston.

THE GROUPINGS

Aurora this year is grouped with Georgetown and Kingsway and will play a double schedule. Georgetown was put out by Markham 5-4, in their first time on ice, and while they are more or less an unknown quantity Matt. Silver can generally be depended upon to have a contending team. Kingsway were beaten by the locals 6-1 in a second round S.P.A. game, but Ted. Gregory has his boys working out early mornings at Ravina rink and by the time the group gets underway will have some stiff opposition ready for Ellis Pringle's proteges.



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SCHOMBERG

HOWARD TURTON DIES IN 23RD YEAR

Mrs. Ed. Carter and son, Lorne, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McGowan.

Mr. Fred Perry visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Amey at Beeton a few days last week.

A truckload of fruit upset just north of the village on Saturday and created an interesting diversion for many people. They succeeded in re-loading before night.

The W.M.S. of the United church met on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Lister.

The Anglican W.A. met on Thursday afternoon last week at the home of Mrs. Clarence Marchant, with Mrs. Victor Marchant in the chair.

The election of officers for the coming year took place at this meeting, resulting as follows: hon. pres., Mrs. F. V. Abbott; pres., Mrs. V. Marchant; vice-president, Miss G. Amey; secretary, Mrs. I. Hulse; treasurer, unfilled; dorcas secretary, Miss D. McKinley; guild treasurer, Mrs. C. Marchant; Living Message secretary, Mrs. E. Marchant; literature secretary, Mrs. R. J. Hulse; Little Helpers secretary, Mrs. George Hulse.

A special feature of the meeting was an address by E. G. Lloyd, president of the local Red Cross Society, on its needs. He also told the members how they could work under their own organization.

The many friends of Howard Turton were shocked by the news of his death which occurred in St. Michael's hospital last Friday after an unusual and painful illness. This young man was only 22 years of age and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Turton, respected farmers, living some three miles south of the village.

Besides his parents he is survived by three brothers and two sisters.

The funeral service was held on Monday, in the United church, Nobleton, with burial in Schomberg cemetery.

The merchants of the village have sponsored the erection of a community Christmas tree which adds considerably to the Christmas note. They are planning on a distribution of candy to the children on Friday afternoon, Dec. 22.

PINE ORCHARD

BRIDE-TO-BE IS GIVEN KITCHEN SHOWER

The school concert will be held at the hall on Thursday evening, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m.

The community club had a good turn-out on Friday evening at a meeting held at E. Breen's home. The next meeting will be held the first week of the new year.

The community met at R. Chapman's last Wednesday evening and gave a kitchen shower and extended congratulations and best wishes to Miss Alma Chapman and H. Eveleigh, of Aurora, who were married on Saturday.

Mrs. W. Reid and Miss Helen Reid attended the play given by the Bogarttown dramatic club at Zephyr last Friday evening.

All are sorry to learn John Stevens isn't feeling so well and is at the hospital in Newmarket.

Quite a number from here attended the Santa Claus parade Saturday afternoon.

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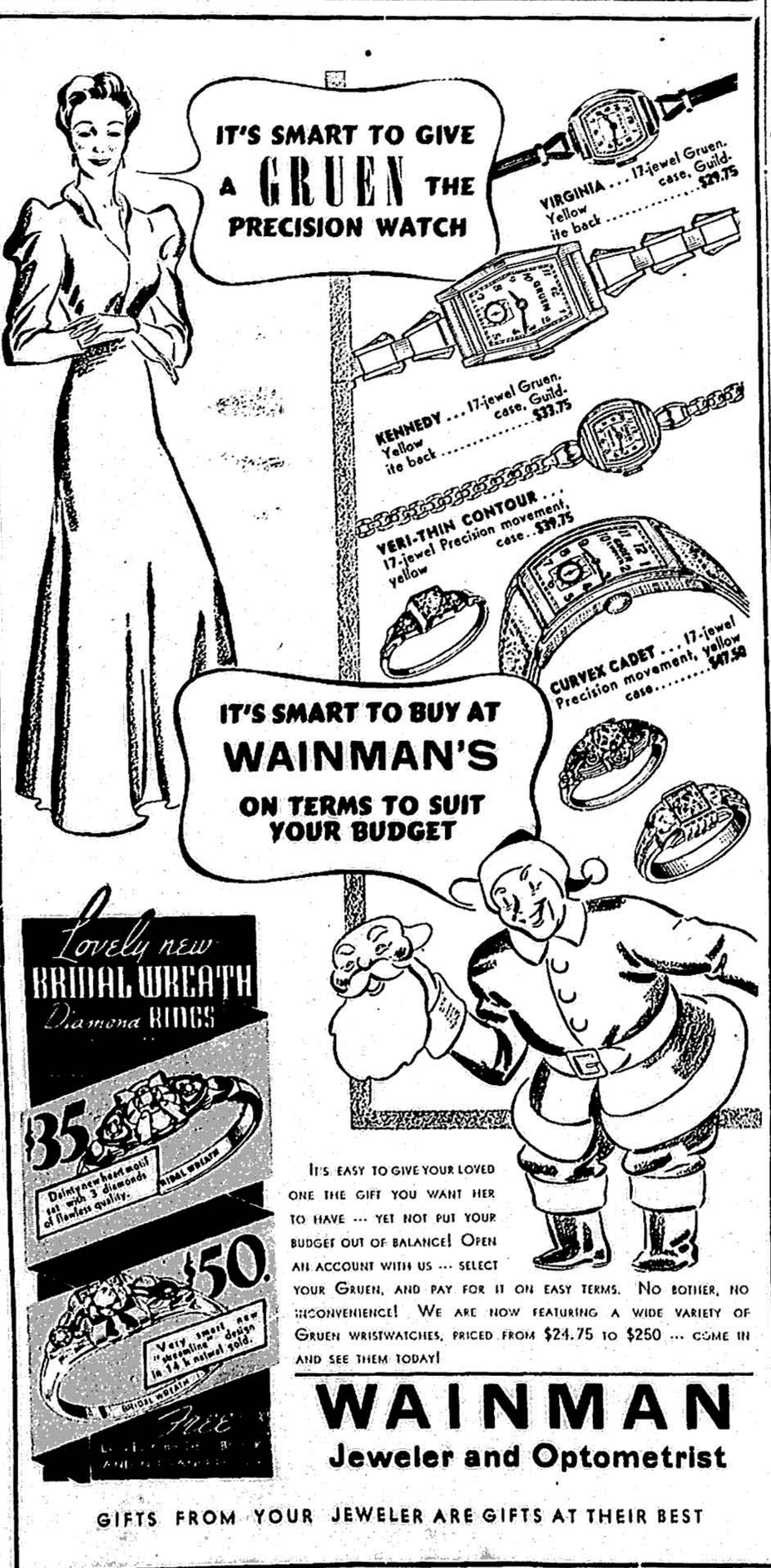
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A list of lands for sale for arrears of taxes has been prepared and copies thereof may be obtained from the treasurer, W. Erwin Winch, Belhaven, and the list is being published in the Ontario Gazette; and that in default of payment of the taxes, the lands will be sold by public auction on Saturday, Jan. 13, 1940, at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the community hall, Belhaven. W. Erwin, Winch, treasurer. c16w33

Another Angle

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SLAPS 'N' SCRAPS



HERE THERE EVERY-WHERE

By Ralph M. Adams

Well folksies we are out of hockey in the north country as well as the south country this week, so the old scribe will have to find something else to holler about till the schedule opens.

No doubt I'll find something, I always do: for reference ask "Down the Centre."

Did you notice the silence in his column last week with reference to a certain situation? No doubt he has washed his hands of the whole affair.

Well, we shall see next spring, yes we shall.

The local Redmen went down with colors flying last Thursday nite in the northern elimination series, with Midland "B" team administering the coup de grace.

When the reds get a little more practice under their belts and a few more games they will be a tough little outfit to take, even for "B" teams. So watch out for smoke in the "C" series this winter, rite here in the old hub.

I can't figure why the home-town fans in Midland razz Swales, their big defence boy. Every time he goes down the ice they rise up and give the Bronx cheer, like the N.H.L. fans used to give Eddie Shore.

Let them take Swales off their blue line for a game, and they will soon see the difference, as this boy has the makings of an ace defenceman.

This Cassidy, that centres one Midland line, is a boy that would look sweet on any man's team. He has speed, a good head and keeps cool under fire, all the essentials for a smart forward.

Cassidy's three goals were the salvation for his team but it took Mutt Collings (equipment heaver de luxe) to tally the nicest goal of the nite when he made the Midland defence look like a couple of wooden Indians to register the Redmen's lone goal.

Right now the forwards are a little disorganized, as the team hasn't been picked, but one thing I will predict and that is there will be a swell fight for every position on the team before they are settled.

Along the grapevine ... Hughey Mair, winger with Marlboros in "A" series, is looking fit and just waiting for a crack at Native Sons . . . The Dukes are looking for revenge after the Sons put them out of the S.P.A. series . . . Hughey says, 'feed them to us' . . . I wouldn't doubt him for a minute that the Marlies will give the Natives a going-over . . . Hughey says Hal Cotton is happy about the whole thing . . . Aurora finally took it on the chin in the S.P.A. from the Waterloo Siskins by a two-goal margin . . . Well, they made a real showing, as any club coached by George Hainsworth is tough to take . . . All credit to them for getting to the semi-finals . . . So the Grey Cup went west with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, and, incidentally, they won on the rule they have been advocating the Canadian Rugby Association to abolish, the rouge . . . Kind of ironic . . . Anybody that wants a laugh at the football final, for instance, Ottawa Rough Riders, should read Teddy Reeve's poem of last Monday's issue of the Toronto Telegram . . . It really was a masterpiece . . . Laugh of the week, the sign on the Strand's marquee for the Monday double bill "Old Maid" and "Forgotten Women" . . . So long.

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PEPPER AND SALT

By Pep.

With the juniors out of any S. P. A. running that is being done in this neck of the woods, "mark time" is ordered until the heavy series gets underway.

Their record so far isn't impressive but they were up against 'B' company for most of the games. Add to that the fact that this is the first year of junior competition for some of the boys. Pete Dillman, Jack Luck, McInnis and Jelley are new blood entirely. Every worth-while organization starts from scratch.

Curling was one of Newmarket's old established sports before the north Main St. skating and curling rink was established about ten years ago. Few old-timers around town can remember just how far back the brooms (non-domestic variety) began sweeping in the hub.

Almost every winter night the rafters rang with the guffaws of excitable Newmarket citizenry. Unless the curlers had the habit of getting places on time they had to wait their turn.

The Binns' trophy was the prize award for which the town club, the Office Specialty club and others competed. In addition the players, with no little skill, often took a pullman to Barrie, Toronto and all points north, east, south and west. This was a real curling town.

Which reminds me in a round-about way that Tom Doyle, John Little, Bill Bosworth and Art. Peppiatt entered a bonspiel in the High Park curling rink Tuesday. They reported a good field on hand, and a swell time for themselves.

Basketball operations in the school on the hill have been suspended until the end of January. Principal J. B. Bastedo announced Monday, to make way for "Rose of the Danube" practices. Prospective singers and basketball players combined were assured that teams wouldn't be picked until after the musical event. That's a load off some chests.

In case Christmas advertisements sashay this column off the map next week, I take this chance to wish all my readers (are you reading, Charlie?) a sporting Yuletide.

HOLT

XMAS CONCERT WILL BE HELD ON DEC. 18

Holt public school concert will be held on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m. A young people's play will be presented, entitled "Look Who's Here."

Holt Sunday-school will hold its Christmas program on Tuesday evening, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m. Everybody is welcome.

William Lepard is ill with pneumonia.

Mr. O. J. Wilder of Beaverton spent a few days last week with his sister, Mrs. R. N. Hoover.

Mr. Carman Rose was in Toronto last Thursday visiting his mother who is ill in hospital.

Miss Bertha Perry spent a few days with her brother, Arthur, of Uxbridge, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Dick and sons of Sandford were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gibney on Sunday.

William Mitchell has disposed of his farm on the 8th concession.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Strong and family of Toronto spent Sunday with Mr. Jas. Knott.

Rev. Seth Smith of Peterboro is assisting Rev. N. F. Perry in special meetings at Brown Hill.

John D. Thompson is improving slowly as is Stanley Marles' little girl, of pneumonia.

ROCHE'S POINT

SEND XMAS BOXES TO LOCAL BOYS

On Thursday the Red Cross rooms were a hum of activity trying to get as much as possible done before Christmas. This Thursday will be the last meeting until Jan. 4.

The ladies were pleased to have with them guests from Keswick, Elmhurst Beach and Ravenshoe and hope they will soon come again.

Mrs. Arthur Badland spent a few days in Toronto last week. Mrs. J. Badland and Miss Maggie Badland were in Toronto on Thursday.

Misses Frances and Margaret Baines of Toronto spent Sunday at home.

Miss Edna Boyd attended the alumni dance in Newmarket on Friday night.

On Monday evening the W.A. of Christ Anglican church held their election of officers in the parish hall. Rev. A. J. Forte presided.

The following were elected: hon. president, Mrs. A. J. Forte; president, Mrs. J. Badland; vice-pres., Mrs. E. Blaine; secretary, Miss M. C. Young; treasurer, Mrs. M. Brown; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. E. Bunn; com. for mite box, Mrs. G. Fenning, Mrs. E. Thompson; ed. sec., Miss E. Young.

The treasurer disclosed that after all financial obligations had been met there was still an excellent balance on hand. Committees were also appointed to look after Christmas boxes for the sick and shut-ins and also to decorate the church for the Christmas day services.

The W. A. will not meet again until Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 3.

It was arranged to send a Christmas card shower to Miss Nancy Bean, R.N., who has recently gone out to Choontla School, Carcross, Yukon.

A Christmas parcel was given to the three soldiers in training who went from here, Pte. Joe Maynes, Pte. David Fenning and Pte. Ira Sedore. The W.A. was very pleased to have sweaters and sox ready to go in these parcels.

Campus Chat

"What do you mean by saying that Henry is a three-letter man?"

"Oh, he's always giving his friends I.O.U.'s."

SHARON

WILL BRING WHITE GIFTS ON SUNDAY

The Bogarttown community club is presenting their play, "The Last Loaf," in Sharon township hall on Thursday, Dec. 28, at 8 p.m., under the auspices of the Women's Institute. This is an excellent play, well acted and worth hearing. Everyone is welcome.

Mrs. Annie Boag of Newmarket spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. George Breckon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Black and little Jimmie spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Parker.

Miss Alice Ramsay is spending a few days at Downsview with her grandmother, Mrs. Bagg, who is ill.

Mrs. Robert Lewis of Yonge St. spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Graham Weddel.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wright of Toronto visited Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Ramsay last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hall and Mr. Pickett of Uxbridge visited Mr. and Mrs. Alan Shaw one day last week.

Mrs. J. Kershaw has her brother from Owen Sound visiting her at present.

Next Sunday the service at the United church at 7.30 p.m. will take the form of a white gift service. Will all those who have some gift for someone not so fortunate as they are please bring them to the service?

Mr. and Mrs. Elmond Glebe of Toronto had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Collins on Friday night and later attended the N. H. S. alumni dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Shaw visited Mrs. John Moore in Mount Albert last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ash and family attended the wedding of Mrs. Ash's sister on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Evans spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hall of Queensville.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Haines spent Sunday visiting friends in Toronto.

Mr. Arthur Deave spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Phripp at Laskay.

On Christmas Sunday at the evening service at 7.30 p.m. there will be a candlelight service. Everyone is welcome.

Miss Helen Shaw is spending a few days with friends at Mimico.

Sharon school concert will be held in the hall next Wednesday night. A good crowd is hoped for. A box social will follow the concert.

HOPE

The Hope United church will hold a special White Gift service on Sunday at the usual time, 3 p.m. Sunday-school will be held at 2 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for.

Hope Sunday-school social evening and Christmas tree will be held on Dec. 19, in the church. Everyone is welcome.

The Hope W.A. held last Thursday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Shannon, Queensville, was very well attended and much enjoyed. The results for the election of officers for the coming year were as follows: pres., Mrs. Geo. Barker; 1st vice-pres., Mrs. Geo. Pegg; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. Auley Brenair; secretary, Mrs. A. Dike; pianist, Mrs. S. Stickwood; visiting com., Mrs. M. L. Pegg, Mrs. E. Pegg and Mrs. Geo. Pegg.

A number of kiddies from the community attended Santa Claus parade in Newmarket on Saturday.

EAST GWILLIMBURY PASSES MANY ACCOUNTS

All the members were present at the regular meeting of East Gwillimbury township council held at Sharon hall on Saturday, Dec. 2.

The following accounts were passed: Theaker and Son, $18; John Farr, school attendance officer, $33; Dr. W. L. Carruthers, medical care of indigents, $36.50; Frank Tate, bricks for hall, $2.86; J. B. Thompson, sheep claim, $50; B. W. Howard, sheep valuator, $5; the Hospital for Sick Children, $15.50.

Stanley Eves, fence viewer, $5; J. B. Clark, fence viewer, $5; Wm. Greig, fence viewer, $4; Muskoka Hospital, 70 cents; department of game and fisheries, license, $3.90; Wm. Lunau, delivering tax bills, $3.48; Mrs. Scott, delivering tax bills, $1; J. L. Smith, clerk's salary, $100; J. E. Jardine, constable's salary, $55; L. J. Farr, relief officer's salary and expenses, $15.

Relief accounts paid were as follows: G. H. Knowles, $32; Ideal Market, $25.25; Geo. Hammett, $8; N. W. Fry, $10; Reford Sedore, $6.53; Mrs. Leslie Nelson, $4.30; Newmarket Dairy, $3.40; Canada Bread Co., $11.04; A. Woodcock, $7.40; Wm. Barker, $8.75; Frank Cunningham, $2.50; Gordon Bailey, $5; Fred King, $16.50; Sid Thompson, $5; Laura King, $3.60; Riddell Bros., $1.20; W. A. Burkholder, $19; S. R. Goodwin, $38.40; R. R. Davis, $15; J. W. Knott, $15; Kenneth Ross, $67.50; Merton Rutledge, $4.65; Irwin Erb, $3.12; Jas. Spiroff, $2.75; Elgin Evans, $4; H. E. Ross, $14.

Road accounts passed were: Township of King, townline settlement, $99.39; Office Specialty Co., equipment, $36.15; gravel, $6.45; resurfacing, $24; snow fence, $190.50; erecting snow fence, $44.61; trucking, $59.50; fence bonus, $20; culverts, $346.42; culvert installation, $12.25; supplies, $27.36; bridge repairs, $6; grading and dragging, $154.40; superintendent, $85.

Ravenshoe

The annual Christmas concert of Zion school will be held on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this concert. Mr. Pherril has put forth a great deal of effort to make it a success and a good crowd is hoped for.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Willoughby and daughter, of Island Grove, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hamilton on Sunday.

Friends are sorry that Mrs. Crowder has been ill again and wish her a speedy recovery.

The ladies of the W.M.S. quilted two quilts at the church last week.

A Red Cross meeting was held in Ravenshoe church on Wednesday night of last week. A unit was organized here and everyone is asked to help in whatever way possible. Anyone desirous to knit or sew please get in touch with Mrs. Thos. Johnson or Mrs. Wilbert Anderson.

Miss Madge Glover spent the weekend at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Corner and daughters of Pefferlaw visited Mrs. Corner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Wight, on Sunday.

Mrs. Glover of Keswick has been a guest of Mrs. W. Mahoney.

Zephyr

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Graham celebrated their 20th anniversary on Sunday.

Mrs. H. McKeown of Toronto spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Myers.

Miss Loverna Bartlett visited her friend, Mrs. Sid Bradley, in Omemee, last week.

A Christmas fair is being held in the community hall, Zephyr.

A shower was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Les. Kennedy on Wednesday for their daughter, Helen, who was married last week to Mr. Irvin Rae.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Bradley of Omemee spent the weekend with Mrs. Bradley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Cronsberry.

CHEROKEE CLUB WILL PACK XMAS BASKETS

The Christmas meeting of the Cherokee club was held at Mrs. J. E. Nesbitt's home on Monday evening. It was also the shower for the Christmas baskets which will be packed Friday evening, Dec. 22, at the home of Miss M. Whyle, at the corner of Park and Church Sts. Will the members who have donations for these baskets please send them to Miss Whyle's home?

The next regular meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Frank Prest in January, when the new executive will be in charge. The 1940 executive is: hon. pres. and counsellor, Mrs. W. H. Eves; past pres., Mrs. Alex. Eves; president, Mrs. N. L. Mathews; 1st vice-pres., Mrs. Wm. Young; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. W. J. Geer; secretary, Mrs. C. S. Gilbert; treasurer, Mrs. W. M. Cockburn; executive committee, Mrs. Bob Smith, Mrs. C. M. Carter, Mrs. Terry; convenor of good cheer, Mrs. Ed. Brammer; press correspondent, Mrs. B. A. Budd.

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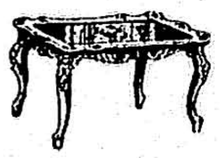
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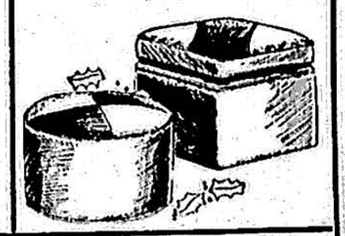
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Acts 2:29-30, Ps. 2:6-10, 2 Sam. 7:12-17.

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MOUNT ALBERT

CELEBRATES 83RD BIRTHDAY TUESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stokes of Toronto were at the home of Mr. Stokes' parents, last Sunday. His mother, Mrs. Stokes, returned home with him and spent a few days in Toronto.

Mrs. Maguire and Ann Louise of Kirkland Lake paid a short visit this week to the home of her mother, Mrs. J. Crowle.

Mrs. Quibell is home again after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Smalley, of Sandford.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gore spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Davidson.

Mrs. Ed. Watts was the lucky prize winner at the library party last week, when she received a beautiful chair set, donated by Mrs. H. G. Barnes. The funds of the library were increased $11 by the party.

MOUNT ALBERT

W. M. S. OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1940

All those interested in education and the schools are invited to the hall on Friday evening of this week when a good program will be given and prizes presented to successful pupils. There is no charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Rennie have moved into their new home, which is a nice addition to Main St.

Preparations are being made for the concert on Friday, Dec. 22, under the public school and United Sunday-school, which will be held in the church.

The members of the W.M.S. of the United church held their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. E. Wagg on Wednesday of last week, when the following officers were elected: president, Mrs. R. Stewart; sec.-treas., Mrs. W. L. Carruthers, and corr. sec., Mrs. W. R. Steeper.

W. H. Theaker purchased the small barn from Mrs. Will Lunau last week and it was quite a curiosity on Saturday morning being moved along the street on a truck and trailer by Jos. Harrison, who took it down to Mr. Theaker's farm near Franklin.

The showers in this locality over the weekend were much needed and were a blessing to those whose cisterns were getting very low.

The stores in town have on their holiday attire as Christmas is just around the corner.

Christmas music by the senior and junior choirs is being prepared for the Christmas services at the United church to be held on Dec. 24.

Congratulations are in order to William Broad, who passed his 83rd birthday on Tuesday of this week. Mr. Broad is still able to walk up and down the hill and remembers many things of the past.

NORTH GWILLIMBURY

VOTE BY DIVISIONS

Reeve				
Morton	283	80	50	118
Hopkins	176	173	127	133
Deputy-Reeve				
Glover	199	185	128	140
McMillan	256	75	44	104
Councillors				
Babb	225	168	106	143
Nelson	248	172	135	139
Pedlar	267	77	56	120
Smith	337	180	123	144

HARTMAN CEMETERY

A meeting of the plot owners of Hartman cemetery will be held in Hartman Sunday-school, Saturday, Dec. 16, 1939, at 3 p.m. c2w44

Sharon

Dec. 7.—Dr. and Mrs. D. R. Fletcher of Whitby are spending a few days with Dr. Fletcher's sister, Mrs. Frank Tate.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Coates visited Mr. and Mrs. Doug. McClure on Tuesday.

The Young People's meeting was held on Monday night at the home of Mrs. J. D. Murrell. Lorna Weddel was in charge of the meeting. The scripture readings were given by Erma Hall and Margaret Pegg.

The prayer was given by Phyllis Kitely and a reading by Gwen Kitely.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the home of Mrs. McKrill.

The Trail Rangers' meeting was held Monday night at Sharon schoolhouse. Mr. Shannon took the worship period and Mr. Caster took craftwork with the boys after worship period.

Mr. Garnet Caster spent Sunday afternoon at his home in Zephyr.

The Sharon Christmas concert will be held Wednesday night, Dec. 20, in Sharon hall at 8 o'clock. A box social will follow. Everybody is welcome.

BABB IS TO BE NORTH GWILLIMBURY GOEBBELS?

Belhaven, Dec. 11.—It is reported around the concessions that Harry T. Babb, new member of North Gwillimbury township council, familiarly known as "Uncle Harry," is to be appointed minister of propaganda and interference and general checker-up.

AURORA

BOYS ENJOY HIKE AND OUTDOOR MEAL

(With no scout troup in Aurora, a group of local lads have formed an unofficial Lone Scout patrol and are carrying on with great esprit de corps, with Dr. G. A. C. Gunton acting as fairy godfather to the troup. The patrol held their second hike of the season on Saturday, Dec. 9, the official record of which has been preserved by historian David I. Snell.—Editor's note.)

By David I. Snell

On Saturday last we left on our second hike as a lone scout patrol. After John Crysdale, Ken. Jones and I had gathered sufficient clay to encase our potatoes, we set off in Dr. Gunton's car at about 9.30 a.m.

Proceeding south on Yonge St. we disembarked at or near the North York Hunt Club. At this time we covered our potatoes with a blanket of an inch of clay and discarded the balance of the clay so as to cut down on the weight of our duffle.

We then visited a nearby fox farm where the owner, a very nice woman, showed us around. She was even kind enough to catch a fox and let us get a close look. It was most interesting and instructive, and we wish to publicly extend to her our thanks. While we were looking at the fox, a beautiful bay horse came down the path on the outside of the outer fence. We learned that he was a thoroughbred from Kentucky.

We again set off on foot, and after walking through bush and fields we came to the animal cemetery. A short distance farther on we made camp. All the wood we could see was wet, so it was up to us to get a fire going with what we had on hand. At first we didn't think we could. After we had searched for some time, Ken broke off some dry wood from under an old stump and after making some shavings we soon had a hot fire blazing away, wet wood notwithstanding.

Dr. Gunton, having given us a practical demonstration of how not to use a knife and cutting his hand in the process, stayed in camp and got the potatoes on to cook and attended to the fire while the rest of us did some tracking. On the first chase John and I were the fox, while Ken Jones, Pete Crysdale, and Doug. Fisher were the hounds. The fox beat the hounds.

The potatoes were not quite done yet, so we had another round of tracking with Ken and Pete as fox. Pete got caught but Ken was nowhere to be found. Dinner time—so we called Ken in and got to work cooking the steaks over the open flames on sharpened sticks. In about 15 minutes they were done as well as the potatoes. I don't think a home cooked steak ever tasted as good as that one did.

After cleaning up camp and putting the fire out we set off for home after another glorious hike.

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